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THE INDICATIONS.

Washington, March 3—Illinois—Fair Friday and Saturday, warmer Saturday; fresh northwest winds becoming variable.

JAPANESE LAND FORCE IN MOTION

But the Correspondents Say Big Land Battle Will not Occur Till the Last of March.

THE LOSS IN THE JAPANESE NAVY

Is Said to be Much Greater Than Was at First Reported in the Foreign Newspapers.

[illegible] March [illegible]—Far eastern news [illegible] this morning (Friday) con[illegible] more or less reliable [illegible] Japanese military move[illegible] general idea among the [illegible] appears to be that no [illegible] battle is expected before [illegible] March

[illegible] to the Express from [illegible] March 2 says 15,000 [illegible] landed at Chin[illegible] to Ping Yang

[illegible] Harbin Manchuria, the [illegible] of the Chronicle gives [illegible] 00 Japanese have landed [illegible] The Shanghai correspondent [illegible] Telegraph asserts that [illegible] Japanese armies have [illegible] Korea and the Paris edition [illegible] New York Herald publishes [illegible] Che Foo to the effect [illegible] Japanese cruisers escorting [illegible] have been seen steaming [illegible] direction of the Gulf of Liao tung

[illegible] Che Foo under the date [illegible] the correspondent of the [illegible] says that although Japan [illegible] small cruiser and the majority of her war ships have [illegible] these probably have [illegible] and in any event, [illegible] complete command of the [illegible] will effectually isolate Port Arthur

[illegible] is an early renewal of [illegible] movements, the landing of [illegible] at the best strategetic [illegible] the occupation of the territory [illegible] Port Dalny as soon as [illegible] He predicts that [illegible] the Yalu river, the [illegible] will threaten Kirin, cutting [illegible] and menacing Vladivostok [illegible] second force deals with the Liao Tung peninsula

[illegible] the Post's correspondent [illegible] Japanese battleship [illegible] aground near Chemulpo.

Japanese Cavalry Moves.

[illegible] March 3—The Matin's [illegible] correspondent says a detachment [illegible] cavalry commanded by [illegible] has entered Mao Eur Chan, [illegible] Manchuria close to the Korean [illegible]

WILL RETIRE FROM YIN KOW

Russians Will Not Have Time To Fortify Before Japs Arrive.

WILL BESIEGE PORT ARTHUR.

[illegible] March 3—The women and [illegible] preparing to leave Yin [illegible] anticipation of the arrival of [illegible] fleet which is expected [illegible] river opens probably a fortnight [illegible] The United States gunboat [illegible] the British cruiser [illegible] preparing to leave the dry [illegible] week

[illegible] of the Russian gunboat [illegible] has been cut off. This [illegible] she is being dismantled [illegible] she would appear to be [illegible] On account of [illegible] of defending the coast [illegible] Yin Kow until such time as the [illegible] permits the construction of en[illegible] forts the Russians [illegible] to retire up the main [illegible] There are practically [illegible] and although the [illegible] reshifting of troops and [illegible] to the small forts at the mouth [illegible] has the appearance of [illegible] to defend Yin Kow, the [illegible] authorities depend upon an [illegible] engagement to stop the Jap[illegible]

[illegible] the Japanese will arrive here [illegible] permits the con[illegible] defences is thought here [illegible] certain It would [illegible] that the authorities expect [illegible] to be besieged

AN ATTEMPT TO OUTFLANK

By the Japanese Does Not Concern the Russian Army Commander.

RELIES ON ABSENCE OF ROADS.

[illegible] March 3—The landing [illegible] Japanese at Song-Chin [illegible] Korea February 19 [illegible] Major Pflug is believed [illegible] the origin of recent reports [illegible] landing at Possiet Bay [illegible] considered to be an attempt to [illegible] the Russian advance from the [illegible] The Japanese according [illegible] gone to a point whence [illegible] leads to the head [illegible] the Yalu 80 miles distant [illegible] in that mountainous region [illegible] by experts here almost impossible The absence of [illegible] will completely upset [illegible] Japanese plans, the only good [illegible] leading through Ping[illegible] already in possession of the Russians

NO FOREIGNERS WANTED.

Japan's Laws Forbid Enlistment of Americans in Mikado's Army.

Mineral Wells, Texas, March 3—Captain [illegible] of Galveston, captain of Troop B First Texas cavalry, who [illegible] county has organized a troop of rough riders from Texas and Indian Territory and tendered its services to the emperor of Japan, through his representative at Washington. In reply to the tender the Japanese minister has written that the constitution of Japan positively forbids the acceptance of foreign legions and the enlistment of foreigners under all circumstances. The letter explicitly states that an American could only be conveyed to Japan by regular private passage, and even then he could not possibly be enlisted in the Japanese army.

Declares Martial Law.

Tokio March 3—General Inouye, the Japanese commander at Seoul Korea, with the consent of the Korean government, has issued an order corresponding with a proclamation of martial law.

SAVE WOMEN REFUGEES

U. S. Cruiser Cincinnati Will Be Detailed For That Work.

Washington, March 3—Minister Allen reported to the state department from Seoul today that he has determined to send an American ship to the vicinity of Ping Yang to remove to a place of safety the women among the refugees gathered there The cruiser Cincinnati now at Chemulpo, will bring away these people

COLLISION IN SUEZ CANAL

Russian Torpedo Boat Sinks An Egyptian Cutter—Crew Was Saved.

RUSSIANS OVERSTAY THEIR TIME

Port Said, Egypt, March 3—As a result of a collision between a Russian torpdeo boat and an Egyptian revenue cutter at Kantara in the canal, the cutter was sunk. There were no casualties The Russians stood by and saved the crew. The canal will be blocked for at least twenty-four hours Three of the four Russian torpedo boats which returned here yesterday after having sailed ostensibly for Algiers, were considerably weather beaten They were refused additional supply of coal and were ordered to leave the port. The Russian ships at Port Said and Suez repeatedly overstay their time limit in spite of the protests of the government.

JAPANESE LOSSES SEVERE

In the Big Naval Battle—Attempts to Conceal It.

Vladivostok, March 3—Eye witnesses of the naval fight at Port Arthur have just arrived here They declare the losses of the Japanese up to Feb 25 are greater than has been admitted in foreign newspapers In addition to five steamers sunk, they say five torpedo boat destroyers one gunboat, and two torpedo boats were put out of action and several others so damaged they will require extensive repairs.

TO EXPRES DISAPPROVAL

The Koreans Throw Bombs at the Foreign Minister.

Tokio, March 4—An intrigue on the part of the opposition at Seoul against the conclusion of the Japanese-Korean protocol, culminated in the throwing of bombs at the residences of the foreign minister and his secretary early Thursday morning They escaped uninjured.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Michigan Jurist.

Saginaw, Mich., March 3—Ferdinand Brucker, a prominent democratic politician who was congressman from the eighth district in 1897, and probate judge of Saginaw county, for eight years, died today.

New York Politician Dead.

New York March 3—John Keenan, known in days of the famous 'boodle' board aldermen as 'The Bismarck of the county democracy,' died today at his home in Hollis, L I

Commissioners Confirmed.

Washington, March 3—The senate today confirmed the nominations of the Isthmian canal commissioners.

MESSENGER MANNING WOUNDED

Insane Man Shoots Down Government Employe.

Washington, March 3—Robert Manning a war department messenger who was today shot and seriously wounded by William J. O'Brien, an insane man, thought to have been born in England was appointed from Detroit, Mich., on the personal recommendation of the late Senator McMillan, in whose employ he had been for a number of years. Manning served in the Santiago campaign with Senator McMillan's son

Texan Kidnaped by Mexicans.

Houston, Tex., March 3—E. R. Cushing. member of a prominent family here, was notified yesterday that his brother, who has gone to West Texas in search of health, had been kidnaped by Mexican brigands and was being held for $10,000 ransom. Mr. Cushing and a posse of friends left at once for Devils River, the scene of the kidnaping

No Agreement.

Indianapolis, March 3—The sub-scale committee adjourned for the day without reaching an agreement.

AN ECHO OF DREYFUS CASE

CHANGES SHOWN TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.

TO BOLSTER UP CONSPIRACY

Court Reporter Reviews Evidence Showing Numerous Forgeries In the War Department.

Paris, March 3—In the Dreyfus case today the report of the court reporter presented two new facts upon which the minister of justice recommended a revision of the case.

One of the secret documents include a letter bearing the initial D' now, by an affidavit, of act 1903, signed by M Gribelan, keeper of archives, it appears this document previously carried the letter 'P,' and for this latter was substituted a 'D' and thus the altered document was presented to the court at Rennes.

No. 2 "According to the minister of justice another letter signed Alexandrine, which the agent 'A' addressed to agent 'B,' contained some words in the handwriting of Lieutenant Colonel Henry, who committed suicide in prison, after having confessed to committing a forgery in the case This letter relates to the organization of four French railroads. M Gribelan swore during the inquiry of the minister of war that this letter was false It was true, however, that the date of this document was March 28th 1895, when Dreyfus was imprisoned on Devils Island"

The existence of a traitor in the French war office was revealed by an alleged diplomat, who acted without compensation It is now claimed that Lieut. Colonel Henry in 1897 caused a book of expenditures to be re-copied in order to remove all trace of payments to this diplomat, who it had developed, was an employe of the intelligence department

M Boyer, court reporter, made an exhaustive review of the case, declaring he could not find any proof to establish the existence of the document which was claimed to have been annotated by the German emperor, which was transmitted to one of Dreyfus' judges at Rennes There was no doubt, he added, of the transmission of the "Alexandrine" letter with the false date The words in Lieut. Col. Henry's handwriting had an unfavorable effect upon the court martial. Boyer concluded by saying that the letter used against the accused were falsified prior to the proceedings of 1899, but he added that this had not yet been judicially determined upon Attorney General Baudouin said that when he began his consideration of the Dreyfus case he was satisfied that a judicial error had not been committed, but as the investigation proceeded his amazement increased

"One by one," the attorney general continued, 'all the charges were vanished, leaving only the accusations without importance or consistency.'

IOWA MINERS INSIST

That There Be No Reduction Of the Present Scale.

Des Moines, Ia March 3—The thirteenth district of Iowa United Mine workers of America went on record today as opposing the proposed reduction in scale At a joint conference with the operators to be held next week they will demand adherence to the present scale and will accept no other proposition in the form of reduction unless it bears the approval of President Mitchell. The Iowa operators are willing to pay the present scale another year if eastern operators secure no reductions In that event they will stand by the action of eastern operators. The refusal to meet the terms of the Iowa mine workers will precipitate a strike in this district

PEORIA AND PEKIN TERMINAL

Will be the Subject of Much Litigation by Conflicting Interests.

CHARGE AGAINST CREDITORS

Peoria March 3—The Peoria & Pekin Terminal railway was declared bankrupt by Judge Greene in the circuit court this afternoon on a petition filed by Louis E Myers Myers alleged $30 000 had been lost by the company in operating expenses last year and alleged that it owed him $37,000 Walter Barker, this city, and the Royal Trust Company of Chicago were appointed joint receivers Provision is made for the operation of the road.

Fraud is Charged.

Chicago, March 3—Charges of fraud involving over $38 000 are made against Louis E Myers and James E. Wilber of Chicago in a bill for an accounting fixed today by the Peoria & Pekin Terminal railway company

The bill states the company was organized and promoted by Myers and Wilber for the purpose of constructing a railway between Peoria and Pekin.

It is alleged in the bill that an agreement existed between Myers and Wilber by which they were to represent the cost of the railway as being in excess of the actual cost, and secure profits to themselves by the issue of an excessive amount of capital stock In this way, it is said, notes amounting to $33,500 were made payable to the Royal Trust Co. of which Wilber is president, in favor of the electric installation company, of which Myers is general manager

STORMY CONVENTION.

Virginia Republicans Held a Meeting and Had Trouble.

Norfolk, Va., March 3—The state republican convention assembled here today and a row was quickly started, which was marked by wild disorder. Factions led by Congressman Stomp and National Committeeman Bowden, respectively, clashed frequently. State Chairman Agnew supported Bowden. After a three hours' session Agnew defeated Judge Lewis for temporary chairmanship.

TALK ON MANY SUBJECTS

Senators Criticise Our Policy in the East.

Washington, March 3—For almost four hours today the senate while technically engaged on the naval appropriation bill discussed a wide range of subjects including the policy of the United States in the Philippines and the Russo-Japanese war. The principal participants were Senators Hale, Bacon, Lodge, Depew, Patterson, Perkins and Money. Mr. Hale, in charge of the naval bill, criticised the plans of the naval board as tending to an establishment beyond the needs of the country.

Messrs Lodge, Depew and Perkins, defended the naval officers, Mr Lodge declared a large navy was essential to the maintenance of peace Mr. Money said he did not consider the total appropriation $97,000,000 carried by the bill excessive under our present policy in the orient. He however, criticised that policy as did other democratic speakers

TWO BATTLESHIPS COLLIDE.

Steering Gear of Missouri Broke and She Damaged Illinois' Propeller.

Washington March 3—Rear Admiral Baker, commanding the North Atlantic station, cables the navy department from Guantanamo, Cuba, today as follows.

'While making passage from Guanatanamo to Pensacola Fla, the Missouri's steam steering gear became disabled and she collided with the Illinois, damaging the port propeller of the later, but with slight injury to herself. The Illinois has been ordered to the navy yard at New York to have her propeller replaced"

Captain William Cowles, the president's brother-in-law, is in command of the Missouri.

DID NOT KNOW IT WAS LOADED.

But Nebraska Supreme Court Says He Will Have to Serve Time.

Lincoln, Neb., March 3—It is an offense to point an unloaded revolver at a person in Nebraska. In the event of an accident of any nature growing out of this act, the offender is legally responsible So declared the supreme court in the appeal of Soney Ford, convicted of manslaughter. At a Valentine ranch dance Ford pointed his revolver in the face of a man, insisting that he wanted to explain how the weapon worked. It exploded and the man James Rothschild, was killed, Ford got seven years He claimed he did not know it was loaded.

BALFOUR DENIES

That He Is a Protectionist Or Ever Advocated That Policy.

London, March 3—Premier Balfour aroused lots of cheers and derisive laughter by the statement in the house of commons today that he had never advocated protection either in or outside the cabinet. The assertion was elicited by the request of MacNeill, Nationalist, that Balfour give the public an opportunity of reading his pamphlet advocating protection, presented to the cabinet contemporaneously with the premier's published pamphlet on "Insular free trade" Mr. Balfour declared that no such pamphlet was in existence and added the above intimation that he was not a protectionist

WHISKEY AND VOTES

Are Causing a Spirited Discussion in the Mississippi Legislature.

Jackson, Miss, March 3—The legislature is badly tangled over the knotty proposition of whether a voter visibly intoxicated should be allowed to cast his vote The house, in passing the primary election law, provided that a person shall not be allowed to vote in a primary who is visibly intoxicated The senate struck this provision out, deciding that it is the duty of every man to vote, drunk or sober, and that a voter has a right to get drunk on election day if he wants to and behaves himself.

WHITNEY'S WEALTH.

Son Files Schedule for Taxation Valuing Property at $11,000,000.

New York, March 3—Harry Payne Whitney, executor of the late William C Whitney's estate has filed with the surrogate of Nassau county at Mineola, L I, a provisional estimate of the value of the estate liable to taxation The affidavit fixes the amount of the personal estate at $10,000,000 A detailed inventory will be filed later

CONVICTED ROBBERS

Make an Unsuccessful Attempt to Regain Their Liberty.

LaCrosse, Wis, March 3—Edward Raymond, Otto Kellar and James Murphy were convicted today of robbing the Spring Grove Bank at Caledonia and sentenced to the penitentiary, five years each. They made a daring attempt to escape from the train at Reno this afternoon, while being brought here, but were recaptured by the sheriff and his deputies, after a fierce fight.

FIFTEEN PERISHED.

In the Collapse of the New York Apartment House.

New York, March 3—The number of dead in the collapse of the unfinished Darlington apartment building yesterday, is now placed at fifteen, three missing and fifteen injured

Warrants have been issued for the members of the companies owning and those having contracts on the building

M'LEAN REPUBLICANS

Nominate Sterling for Congress and Barnes for Board of Equalization

Bloomington, Ill, March 3—The republican convention of the Seventeenth congressional district today nominated John A. Sterling of Bloomington for congress, and Dr. S. M. Barnes of Livingston for member of the state board of equalization from this district. Neither was opposed.

No Swearing, No Work.

Memphis, Tenn., March 3—A Mississippi convict camp sergeant has issued an order against cursing and one of the convicts has appealed to the state board on the ground that he cannot get work out of oxen without oaths.

Conference Agrees.

Washington, March 3—Conference agreement on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was reached today. It carries a total of $2,020,100, being $53,000 less than when the bill passed the senate.

ARE SWEPT BY FIRES

LIFE AND PROPERTY LOST IN FIRE RAGING ON THE WESTERN PRAIRIES.

GREAT DAMAGE ON THE TRIP

Five Persons Near Lawton Known to Have Lost Their Lives—Fatalities Reported From Other Places.

Lawton, I. T, March 3—The most destructive prairie fire ever known in the southwest is raging in this vicinity Many lives are reported lost, 75,000 acres have been burned over and thousands of people are homeless. The loss cannot now be estimated The fire spread rapidly before the heavy wind storm and people are fleeing for their lives, as it is impossible to confine or extinguish the fire

Lawton, Okla, March 3—Five persons were burned to death and hundreds of square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche counties were swept by prairie fires yesterday Hundreds of people are homeless, and it is impossible to estimate accurately the financial loss owing to the wide extent of country affected.

At Hobart, Kiowa county, the fire destroyed several stables, fifteen race horses, fifteen residences, two business houses and various small buildings Also it swept 75,000 acres of the government military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indian houses and forty head of government cattle Spreading westward, the flames covered miles of the homestead district, destroying houses, barns and stock

Late at night the fire began moving southward toward this city.

A thousand men, working all about the city for hours, succeeded in checking the advance of the line of fire Brands fell in the streets and in scores of places fires started, but men on guard extinguished them so that the city's loss will not exceed $10,000.

Hundreds of people have been driven from their homes and are reported out on the prairie destitute and suffering intensely in the cold and with excruciating pains occasioned by their burns The cavalry from Fort Sill and officers from this city are searching for missing men, women and children. An unconfirmed report comes from Fort Sill that an Apache village was swept clean.

"The soldiers at Ft Sill were ordered out to fight the flames and rendered great assistance.

At Anadarko many farm buildings were burned. Women and children scantily clad, fled to plowed ground where they remained in the cold all night while men remained to fight the fames.

Father and Son Perish.

Salina, Kans., March 3—Charles Dott and his son lost their lives in a prairie fire in this county last night Reports received here state that the fire raged in Ellsworth Lincoln, Graham, Ellis, Russell and Saline counties.

On the Strip.

Guthrie O. T March 3—A great prairie fire today swept the entire country from Wichita mountains past Lawton. Two men were burned to death Many farm houses and much stock were burned.

In Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb, March 3—The prairie fires raging throughout the night were checked in western and southwestern Nebraska today. Many animals are dead and many barns burned.

Lexington, Neb, March 3—Terrific prairie fires swept this portion of Nebraska last night and today Several buildings burned and much live stock perished.

WIDESPREAD IN KANSAS.

One Man Was Burned to Death—Property Loss is Heavy.

Topeka, Kas, March 3—Numerous reports from Kansas counties tell of heavy losses from last night's prairie fire. In almost every instance the fires were caused by people burning stubble and pasture land. A high wind came unexpectedly and the fires were beyond control in a short time.

Many narrow escapes from death are reported, but as far as known only one person is dead. Frank McGrew of Bird City, was burned to death. It took most desperate efforts on the part of Gypsum City people to prevent that town from burning Men, women and children fought the fire four hours.

Great damage to farm buildings, stock and grain is reported from Culver, Lincoln Colbert, Marquette, Ellsworth, Kanopolis, Graham, Ellis, Russell, Lakin, Hill City, Concordia, and other places.

At Deerfield the children were kept in the school building until 9 o'clock at night until all danger had passed.

At Hill City the people rushed to the river to escape the fire.

In Lincoln county the fire cut a swath two miles wide, and ten miles long

MANY HOMELESS IN OKLAHOMA

A Number of Relief Parties Have Been Sent Out.

Oklahoma City, March 3—Reports from the fire-swept prairies tell of the destruction of houses, barns and stock everywhere It can not be known how many lives were lost until the burned district has been explored by relief parties which have been sent out from Lawton, Hobart, Fort Sill and Anadarko.

For many miles not a house is left standing. It is estimated more than a thousand people are homeless and penniless.

Ends His Own Life.

Waterloo, Ia., March 3—Robert MacMahon, despondent over his fall from millionaire to stranded book agent, committed suicide here by taking poison. He was once political editor of a leading southern newspaper and was a brother of [illegible] MacMahon of New York.

GROVER SAYS IT IS FALSE

That He Entertained Negroes at Dinner When He Was Present and Mr. Scott Apologizes.

EXTRAVAGANCE IS CHARGED.

Washington, March 3—The house today resumed consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill During the discussion much time was consumed in a talk on the president's entertaining Booker T. Washington at dinner at the White House and the allegation that former President Cleveland had entertained a colored man in the same manner when president.

Mr Webb of North Carolina presented a note he had received from Cleveland declaring the story was "a deliberate fabrication out of whole cloth."

Mr Scott who made the statement concerning Cleveland, accepted the former president's denial as true and apologized for making the allegation.

The talk then drifted into a matter of social equality of men regardless of color, race, traits and tendencies," but it was cut short by Mr. Cleary's point of order against further remarks not germain to the bill

Mr Lind of Minnesota complained of the extravagance in district affairs asserting it costs more to run the District of Columbia than the entire state of Minnesota and other speakers likewise complained that there were too many institutions and too many salaried officials.

The house passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill and then began the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill This measure was still under consideration when the house adjourned

ARMY BILL

Its Consideration Completed by the Senate Committee.

Washington, March 3—The senate committee on military affairs today completed consideration of the army appropriation bill The bill was recently reported to the senate providing for 3000 medals of honor and the amending medal of honor law is incorporated in the bill. Double time in reckoning the time for retirement of officers is allowed for service in Cuba, China, the Philippines, Guam, and Panama In the discretion of the secretary of war twenty-five per cent of the amount paid officers and men may be in Philippine currency at the ratio of two pesos to one dollar. The provision for a military secretary and reorganization of the secretary's office, consolidating the record and pension and adjutant general's force, which went out in the house, is incorporated in the bill. A clerical force is provided for the office of chief of staff and a number of minor changes are made.

Officers who served in the civil war and who have not reached the grade of brigadier general, it is provided, may retire with an advance of one grade

SMITH BOLDLY ADMITS GUILT

PRESIDENT OF MORMON CHURCH SAYS THAT HE NEVER QUIT POLYGAMOUS PRACTICE

HE GIVES AS HIS EXCUSE

That He Could Not Desert and Degrade His Plural Families Even If It Were Legal.

Washington, March 3—Attorneys for protestants in the Smoot investigation said they intended to prove the defendant is associated with the hierarchy which practices polygamy and connives at violation of law and that his vote as senator is subject to the wish and command of the Mormon church President Joseph F Smith confessed he himself had continued to cohabit with his plural family since the manifesto of 1890 and that he realized fully he was violating the state laws. President Smith also testified that Reed Smoot had to get the consent of his associate apostles in the church before he could become a candidate for senator. Smith's confession was the sensation of the proceedings today He said the manifesto of 1890 had left him and others with plural families in the unfortunate situation of being compelled to defy the law or desert their families. For himself he had preferred to "take chances with the law" rather than disgrace himself and degrade his family by abandoning his wives and children. He admitted he had had children by all of his five wives since the manifesto and said he had acknowledged them openly without interference or disturbance from the people of Utah whom he characterized as liberal and broadminded

ADVOCATE REBELLION.

Miners Told By Officers to Fight For Their Rights.

Denver, Colo., March 3—Governor Peabody said today that although Telluride is still under martial law, the military authorities were not responsible for pillorying of Harry Maki, a striking union miner, who was kept chained to a telegraph pole for an hour and a half because he refused to work in the chain gang after being convicted of vagrancy. W. D. Haywood, secretary of the western federation of miners, today sent the following telegram to Telluride union: "Suffer no more abuses. If you cannot get relief throuh courts, you still have left the power of self defense."

1,147 Indictments Aganst One Man.

Dallas, Texas, March 3—The Bell county grand jury is making a fierce crusade against violation of the state option law, which is operating in that county. More than 2,200 bills of indictment have been returned against illicit liquor sellers, and of this number 1,147 bills are against one man, Plimpton Morgan. On each conviction he may be fined $85, making the total [illegible]

MAGNATES OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

MEET IN NEW YORK AND ADOPT STRINGENT RULES OF GOVERNMENT.

AMERICAN SCHEDULE MADE

Provides for 154 Games, Season Opening April 4 and Closing on October 10th.

New York, March 3—At the National baseball league today the report of the joint committee on playing rules, and report of the committee on the revision of the constitution was adopted.

The new constitution makes some radical changes and completely disposes of any idea that either league may have had in favor of consolidation. The name is changed to the 'National League of Professional Baseball Clubs" and the report says that it shall consist of eight cities, Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago, for all time. This gives permanent franchises to the cities named. The vote of seven clubs instead of eight as heretofore is sufficient to expel a club. A new clause gives any player the right to appeal any real or fancied grievance he may have to the president of the league.

The new constitution makes the punishment of a player who shall be disqualified for any crookedness blacklisted forever Formerly a player could be reinstated by three-fourths vote

The position of supervising umpire is abolished. A resolution was adopted prohibiting members of the National league clubs playing with any baseball club containing an ineligible player. It also prohibits a league club playing with a club containing an ineligible player.

The National and American League committees tonight agreed upon playing dates. The American announced its schedule tonight. The National will be published tomorrow There will be eleven conflicting games in New York, twelve in Boston, six in Philadelphia, twelve in Chicago, thirteen in St. Louis. The American League season will open April 4, Boston playing in New York, Philadelphia in Washington, Detroit in St. Louis; Cleveland in Chicago

Decoration Day Philadelphia will play in New York; Washington in Boston; St. Louis in Detroit, Chicago in Cleveland. July 4th Boston plays in Washington, New York in Philadelphia, Detroit in Chicago, St. Louis in Cleveland. Labor Day, Philadelphia in New York, Washington in Boston, St. Louis in Cleveland, Chicago in Detroit. Chicago and St. Louis each have sixteen Sunday games at home

The season will close at Chicago, October 9 the visiting team being St. Louis. The closing games will be played October 10, with Boston in New York, Philadelphia in Washington, Cleveland in Detroit. Schedule calls for 15 games for each club, four games more than last season.

HERE'S BUSINESS FOR JEFF

A Dutch Giant Wants to Battle for the Pugilistic Championship.

WILL BE ACCOMMODATED LATER

New York, March 2—Another prospective opponent for Jim Jeffries has arrived in this country. He is Henry J J. Placke of Holland Placke, who was a passenger on the steamship Rotterdam, is accompanied by his manager, John Smith, and John Vanderland, a lightweight boxer of Holland

Placke styles himself "champion, heavyweight boxer of Europe, Australia and New Zealand" He is 6 feet 5 inches in his stocking feet and weighs in condition 240 pounds. He looks more like a wrestler than a pugilist. He has massive shoulders, long reach and is a typical athlete in appearance. Little is known of him in this country, although he challenged Jeffries about six months ago. The champion ignored his defi, as he had never heard of the foreigner.

Placke comes here well recommended as to his prowess It is not likely he will get a chance to face the champion unless he meets some one else first.

Billy Delaney, Jeffries' manager, when apprised of Placke's visit said. "Jeffries will fight Placke, but the Hollander will have to wait until after Jim's contest with Munroe The champion will take Placke on two or three weeks after his scrap with Munroe I don't know personally what Placke can do, but I understand he is a good one. I would like to see him tried out before meeting Jeffries; just to see that he is no counterfeit."

Wos Y Gil is Coming to Protest.

San Juan, P. R., March 3—Senor Wos y Gil, former president of Santo Domingo, accompanied by Rafael Galvan, left here last night incognito on board the Spanish steamer Monserat for Havana. He will proceed to New York for the purpose of opposing Gen. Juan Francisco Sanchez, minister of foreign relations of the Morales government of Santo Domingo, in his efforts to secure from the United States further recognition of the Morales government.

Notice to Republican Candidates

All candidates for nomination for the different township offices on the republican primary ticket are requested to meet with the township committee at the office of James O'Mara, J. P., on Friday evening, March 4, 1904. This will be the last chance to get names on primary tickets.

D. A MAFFIT, Chairman.
A. F. EVANS, Sec. & Treas.

Local Weather.

The local weather conditions for the 42 hours ended at 7 p. m. last night, as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer, follow:

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LABOR LEADERS

Decide to Have a Union Candidate for State Senator.

CAUCUS HELD LAST NIGHT.

To Determine the Position of the Labor Union Voters.

Union labor will have a candidate for state senator. That has been positively decided upon. Some of the leaders of the different local unions held a meeting last night and determined to have a candidate in the field.

Another meeting will be held Friday night and then some one will be selected to make the race as a representative of the labor union voters. Assistant Supervisor James Henson has been spoken of by some of the laboring men as a possible candidate, and it is not unlikely that he will be selected as the one to come out for the nomination.

The union men say that the reason they want a candidate for senator is because they feel that the laboring people should have some voice in the state legislation.

"We have been voting for the republicans for a long time," said one labor union man last night. "We have been promised all kinds of things and we have never received very much. We feel that it would be well to have a candidate of our own in the field and we therefore will bring one out."

"The labor unions are a power in this country. Anyone who saw them on Labor Day knows that they are a factor in the community and must be a factor in politics."

The men who are advancing the labor movement for a senatorial candidate say that there are about 3500 union men in the city and if only half of these are republicans they will cut a figure among the 4000 republican voters at the county primaries. The plan is to deliver the union vote to the supporters of the candidate for governor who will deliver in exchange the delegates to the senatorial convention favorable to the labor union candidate

THE CAR FAMINE.

Worries the Millers and the Elevator Men.

The corn millers and the grain buyers are almost in despair over the car famine.

W. L. Shellabarger says that the Shellabarger Elevator company has over 300,000 bushels of corn in the elevators at their ten stations and that they are getting practically no cars. During the last month they have not averaged five cars at the ten stations and they would have used fifty cars a day if they could have secured them. Because the elevators are filled at two of their stations they have not received any corn for the last two weeks. He says that the situation in which they find themselves is the same in which all of the country elevator men are placed. The majority of the houses are filled and there are no cars to ship the corn to the great centers.

The corn millers at Decatur have a constant fight to get their grain into the city and then there is a fight to get cars enough to ship their milled goods out. Last month on several occasions the local mills were compelled to shut down at least five days because they could not get grain into their mills although they had bought large supplies weeks in advance.

SICK AND INJURED PEOPLE

Six From the Linn & Scruggs Store are Off Duty.

TWO LEFT THE HOSPITAL.

Several persons in Decatur are quite ill of the same trouble. There are three cases of persons suffering from an abscess in their head

Frank Hays, Jr., has been ill for some time past on account of an abscess in his head. He suffered greatly for several days but was some better Tuesday.

Mrs. Alice Evans, the librarian at the public library, is ill and it is feared that she has an abscess.

Mrs. V. N. Hostetler has been quite ill on account of an abscess in her head.

Sick in One Store.

At present there is quite a list of people of the Linn & Scruggs store who are on the sick list. Frank Rucker, who is at the head of the delivery department, is ill. Joe Butram, one of the drivers, is off duty on account of illness. Frank Gregory of the delivery department is ill. Elmer Grindol, one of the clerks in the south aisle, is ill with appendicitis. Mrs. Dills and Madame Baker are both on the sick list.

Taken to Hospital.

W. E. Quigley, a brakeman of this city went to the hospital yesterday suffering from a scalp wound which he received at Poage. He slipped and fell and injured his scalp.

Discharged Yesterday.

Oscar Knoblock who had his leg sprained and F. S. Mason, an eye patient, both of this city were discharged from the hospital yesterday.

COMPLETE MILL.

Just Finished for the American Hominy Co. at St. Joe, Mo.

L. C. Shellabarger has returned home from St. Joseph, Mo., where he has been for several months superintending the building of a corn mill for the American Hominy Co.

This is on the site of the old Hudnut mill at that place afterwards the property of the American Hominy Company.

About eighteen months ago fire destroyed that mill and the rebuilding is now just completed. Mr. Shellabarger is quoted as saying that the new mill is the most complete and up-to-date hominy mill in the world. It has a daily capacity of 8000 bushels.

BANKS CONSOLIDATE.

Merger at Stonington Seems to be a Good Thing.

The First National Bank and the Exchange Bank of Housley and Drake both of Stonington, Ill., have been consolidated by mutual consent. The consolidation took effect yesterday. The name of the institution will be the First National Bank, and capital stock has been increased to $50,000. The officers will be as follows:

O. Z. Housley, president.

A. B. Chapman, Jr., first vice president.

Andrew Chapman, second vice president.

Cornelius Drake, cashier.

J. Irving Owen, assistant cashier.

The directors of the bank are: A. B. Chapman, Warren Corzine, O. J. Owen, J. Irving Owen, John W. H. Chapman, O. Z Housley, Cornelius Drake Andrew Chapman, A. B. Chapman, Jr.

Special communication of Macon lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. Masons this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work.

Stated communication of Macon Lodge No. 8, A. F. & A. Masons, Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock for work.

PLEA OF INSANITY.

Will be Made in the Case of Young John Rostek, Charged with Theft.

An effort will be made to get young John Rostek out of trouble by entering a plea of insanity, it is said. The boy is about 19 years old and he is under arrest for robbing Koch's saloon and also for robbing a barber shop at Kenney, Ill. He has also been in some other trouble at different times.

It was said Tuesday that an inquisition into the boy's sanity would be made and that an attempt to send him to the asylum would be started. If the boy should be found to be insane it is probable that he would go to the insane asylum for criminals rather than to the regular state insane asylum.

What Were the Dimensions?

The walnut log industry is proving quite an income to residents near Wapella. At present ten car loads are lying at that point awaiting shipment. They were purchased from the Eli Harrold estate, although a few were bought of other persons. A man from Lexington arranged to pay $600 for 100 logs standing in the timber. These were cut and hauled to Wapella, where an expert from Tennessee "barked" and "squared" them, thus making them fit more closely into cars. These are the first walnut logs that have been barked and squared for shipment abroad from Wapella. It is claimed that they are to be made into gun stocks for the use of the German army.—Clinton Public.

BOOKS CALLED IN

Treasurer Sets Dates When Collectors Must Settle

THE TIME MAY BE EXTENDED.

For the Collector of Decatur Township On Account of Work to Be Done.

County Treasurer E. R. Moffett has sent out notices calling in the collectors' books. He has set days when the different books must be in his hands and the collectors of the outside townships will be expected to turn over their books to the treasurer on the days specified.

Instead of ordering all the books in on the same day the treasurer has arranged so that only two or three collectors will report on the same day and it will in this way be easier to make settlement.

The following are the days on which the collectors of the different townships must report:

March 10:
Austin,
Blue Mound.
March 11:
Whitmore,
Illini,
Oakley,
Niantic.
March 12:
Harristown,
Wheatland,
Pleasant View,
Mt. Zion.
March 14:
Friends Creek,
Long Creek,
South Macon,
Milam,
March 15:
Hickory Point,
Decatur.

Time For Decatur.

It is hardly thought possible that the books for Decatur township will be ready to turn over to the treasurer by March 15. That is the time set but there is always time given the collector in Decatur township as there is a good deal of money to collect and the making up of the books is no small job and takes a lot of time.

Miss Lelah Foster is assisting Treasurer Moffett in the work attending the settling with the collectors.

HINDSBORO.

Quincy Robertson was in Arcola last week on business.

Oler Langley visited relatives last week in Tuscola.

Miss Lena Gee of Paris was here to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Gee, a few days last week.

The Sunday school institute held here on Feb. 19 was well attended. Those from outside were William Fulton of Fairland, Rev. A. H. Harrell of Windsor, L. W. Dallas and Miss Luta Martin of Oakland.

Ephriam Wright and his wife of Vermillion were here a short time ago to visit a few days with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Emma Alvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody of Bushton visited Mr. Welch, our postmaster and his family last Sunday.

James Bush and Allie Short, with their wives and children left here Monday of last week for their new home at Worland, Mo.

W. L. Miles and his wife of Arthur visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, who are Mrs. Miles' parents.

John Curry went to Oakland Sunday to visit his sister.

W. E. Peck was in Redmon a few days to visit his brother, S. F. Peck.

George Purcell and Clarence Carnahan were in Dix, Jefferson county, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ross a short time ago.

Quite a good deal of sickness is yet in our midst. Most of the complaints are but slight ailments.

Hugh Wright returned last Wednesday from Trenton, Mo.

We are now having many visitors in this neighborhood, who are candidates for nomination to fill offices. They visit the voters only.

There are many renters in and about this village who are now busy moving. Most of them are moving but short distances.

The best thing in Hindsboro is the organization, a short time ago, of a Normal class. Those who are taking part are Clyde Helm, Albert Wentz, George McCumbers, and their wives; Rev. H. T. Wilson, H. A. Gaskill, Miss Lizzie Bryant, Miss Cora Langley and Mrs. Frantz. They are all Bible readers and Bible students.

E. C. Lusk has changed clerks in his store. He now has Ike Wheeler of Isabel, an old hand at the business. Mr. Wheeler is well acquainted here and is an "all 'round" man.

Feb. 29.

TAYLORVILLE.

Mrs. John Fust, formerly Miss Rose Kader, died early Sunday morning from the effects of typhoid fever. Mrs. Fust was 32 years old and is survived by her husband and one daughter.

Charles Edgar Matthew, son of Dr. J. B. Matthew of Blue Mound, died Tuesday at the state insane hospital from acute gastritis. He was 35 years of age. The remains arrived in Taylorville Thursday and the funeral services were held in the afternoon from the residence of J. N. Marcon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Law have issued invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Ora Anna Law, and H. T Stahl, to take place Wednesday afternoon, March 2, at their home near Owaneco.

George Schuyler, only son of H. N. Schuyler of Pana, probably the wealthiest man in central Illinois, died Tuesday in New York of appendicitis.

Eugene Flynn has commenced suit for $5,000 in the circuit court against John and Nellie Bowdich, proprietors of the Model laundry, charging defamation of character.

Mrs. Annie Cain, nee Thaxton, of Mt. Auburn township died at her home Wednesday of asthma. Her father, John Thaxton, died Feb. 15.

Mrs Eliza M. Zimmerman, wife of J. A. Zimmerman, died Sunday at her home after a lingering illness. She was 72 years of age and is survived by her husband and eight children.

The March term of the Christian county circuit court will convene Monday, March 14, with Judge S. L. Dwight, of Centralia, presiding.

J. H. W. Chapman of Prairieton township, formerly on the board of supervisors, was married to a highly esteemed lady of Rochester, N. Y., an acquaintance of his boyhood days.

The Parsons Anti-moth Bee-Hive company of Taylorville, capital stock $1,000,000, has applied to the secretary of state for articles of incorporation.

Jackson Morgret, an old and highly respected citizen of Mt. Auburn, died Sunday, aged 70 years.

Marriage Licenses.

W. T. C. Ponting, Stonington	28
Anna M. Slater, Stonington	15
H. J Rusher, Mt. Auburn	25
Mrs. Lizzie Phry, Mt. Auburn	35
Thos. A. Traughber, Prairieton	22
Mary M. Myers, Prairieton	18
John C. Kirkbride, Rosemond	25
Laura Burchfield, Locust	23
Clarence Clouter, Zenobia	23
Maggie Klamm, Zenobia	17

Real Estate Transfers.

Alva Deffenbaugh to William Colbrook, 80 acres sec. 18, Stonington; $9,000

Wm. H. Phillips to Amelia Cummins, 40 acres, sec. 20, May township; $1,000.

Jesse Hardisty to Edward Keimel, 120 acres, sec. 14, South Fork township, $9,130.

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OAKLEY.

Henry Merritt has been sick during the past week.

Tolly Wheeler and wife of Clinton are visiting with home folks.

Alva Risk and family have moved to a farm near Lake City.

Simon Selt, Jr., of Decatur was visiting with William Hiser and family Sunday.

Edward Baker was seriously ill during the past week, but is better at this writing.

Frank Roby and Joseph Dawson of Decatur were looking after their political fences in this vicinity during the past week.

E E Sensenbaugh has a public sale advertised for March 3.

J. R. Minick returned home Thursday from a business visit to Indianapolis.

Death of Mrs. Frank Jones.

Mrs. Emma Jones, wife of Frank Jones, died at her home southwest of town Saturday, Feb. 27, age 23 years, 6 months She is survived by her husband and four small children. The funeral was held at the U. B. church in Oakley on Sunday and the interment was at the Frantz cemetery. Rev. Giffin of Argenta delivered the funeral sermon. The pall bearers were Clement Veech, Clayton Markley, William Andrews, J. H. Calver, W. T. Harrouff and Frank Wisner.

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SULLIVAN.

The residence of William Batman on West Harrison street was completely destroyed by fire Friday night.

Burt Woodruff will leave for Mexico, Mo., Tuesday to locate on a farm he recently bought there.

Z. T. Deeds was a business visitor in Kirksville last Friday

W. S. Craig is visiting his mother in Louisville, Ky., this week.

Jim White and family will leave this week for the state of Washington.

T. H. Grantham was a business visitor in Kirksville last Friday evening

Constable John Dandy was doing some work at Kirksville last week.

Arthur Herendeen and Francis Cunningham attended the farmers' institute in Decatur last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Grantham and son spent Sunday with M. Herendeen's family.

Marriage Licenses.

William S. Fose, Arthur	25
Lillie F Helton, Arthur	25
Elsie A. Travis, East Nelson	23
Stacie S Miller, Marrowbone	19
W. I. Sicafus, Sullivan	24
Inis Bolin, Kirksville	19

Real Estate Transfers.

Martha J. Purvis to Jessie B. Tabor, 99 acres, East Nelson tp; $4,962.

W. E. Mann to J. C. Pierce, tract in sec. 14, East Nelson tp.; $3,200.

Pearle Kelley to Frank and Rosa Emel, quit claim to interest in tract in sec. 19, town 13, 5; $653.

Tona Knapp to Nelson Powell, lots in Bruce, $212.

Sarah A. Elder to H. W. Sipe, property in Sullivan; $900.

Wade Hollinsworth to Mary M. London, lots in Sullivan; $15.

James W. Vice to Frank Emel, farm in secs. 14 and 23, town 13, 5, $10,800.

Lulie E. Cash to Charles Kuster, lots in Sullivan, $200.

Amos B. Dyer to Jasper Dyer, property in Sullivan; $4,000.

Jasper Dyer to Amos Dyer, 40 acres, sec. 23, town 15, 5; $2,000.

John J. Miller to C. P. Hershberger, 80 acres sec. 33, Lowe tp; $10,800.

Charles Bolen to George Blaine, 40 acres, sec. 14, Jonathan Creek tp; $4,400

Frank Sutton to L. S. Fleming, property in Allensville; $300.

R. B. Wheeler to J. M. Hogg, tract in sec. 22, town 14, 4, $800.

L. C Fleming to Sherman Burcham, property in Allensville; $500.

William Jones to Charles Bundy, tract in East Nelson tp; $500.

Charles Bolin to P. P. Wiser, 60 acres, sec. 14, Jonathan Creek township, $6,900.

Martha A. Bragg to Dan W. VanGundy, 40 acres, sec. 27, town 15, 5; $4000.

Noah Strickland to Martha A. Braggs, property in Sullivan; $625.

A. B. McDavid to Dan W. VanGundy, 40 acres, sec. 27, town 15, 5; $2,300.

Feb. 29.

Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache, and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N. L. Krone's drug stores.

REGAINED SANITY

Moweaqua Man Escapes From Asylum and For Ten Days Is Exposed to Elements.

FROM ANNA TO MOWEAQUA.

Walked All the Way—Ten Days on the Road.

Exposure to the elements and physical exercise has restored to Cyrus E. Hanks, a farmer of Moweaqua, his reason, says the Mattoon Star.

The story of how Hanks recovered his sanity will be of interest to alienists.

Hanks escaped from the asylum at Anna Feb. 10. He evaded his guard while taking exercise and managed to flee from the town without detection.

He walked the whole distance from Anna to Moweaqua. It took him ten days to make the trip. He walked during the days and laid out during the nights. The trip was made in the most severe weather of the winter.

When he reached his home he was in a deplorable condition physically, but, strange to say, his mind had recovered its normal strength.

The physical privation he endured, his relatives say, has brought about the wonderful change.

David Hanks, his brother, has written to Sheriff Courtright of Shelbyville, telling of the affair. He says his brother is well and happy.

The letter follows: "My brother arrived home Friday evening, having walked every step of the way from Anna. He was badly done up in his feet and legs, and his shoes were torn out. But, I tell you, his trip has done him a whole lot of good. It has taken all that fear out of him. He said to tell you he thanked you very much for taking him, and that he was very thankful for a chance to get away from the asylum. He said they had the bloodhounds out after him, and that one of the bloodhounds ran up onto him once. He laid out two nights in a log crib and one night he stayed in a barn. He kept away from the railroads and all the towns. I tell you he was a happy man when he got home."

AN OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE

Came Near to Ending the Earthly Career of Albert Scanlan.

VIGOROUS WORK SAVED HIM.

There came near being another death at police headquarters last night. This time it was a mixture of morphine and drink but the victim did not have the snakes. Albert Scanlan, a cigar maker, living on North Water street, was the victim. About 10 o'clock last night it was reported to the police that there was a drunk in Fahrnkopf's saloon on the square and the patrol wagon went after him.

He was lying stretched out and was dead to all that was happening around him. Men had tried to rouse him but they failed and as a last resort they sent for the police. Scanlan was taken to police headquarters and Dr. John Miller was called and after examining the man he said that he had gotten an enormous dose of morphine The doctor, Desk Sergeants Amos Imboden and Rudolph Patrofka and Captain Koeppe worked with the man for over an hour before he began to show any signs of reviving

At first it was thought that he could not live and it was only by the prompt and efficient work of the physician that he pulled through. After a good deal of shaking and pounding Scanlan was finally roused a little and after about two hours' work they got him in such a shape that he was able to have a faint glimmering of what was going on about him.

Robert Gates, representing the cigarmakers' union, had Scanlan removed to St. Mary's hospital.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well" Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by John E King, Chas F. Shilling and N. L. Krone, druggists Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles 10c.

Work is Started.

The work of remodeling the St. Nicholas hotel is now well started. The partitions in the coat room adjoining the office and the desk in the office have been torn out and in other parts of the house workmen are busy.

There is no business in the way of accommodating people going on at the St. Nicholas but there is a good deal doing in the way of improvements.

A Helping Hand.

There is no sadder condition than that of the man who is delibitated. His general health may be fair and still this secret weakness makes his life a burden. To all such unfortunates I am able to extend a helping hand, for I know of a treatment which is a genuine cure. If you earnestly desire to regain your manhood, you may write me and if you follow my advice you certainly will be cured. My address is Rev. Leo Gross, Cohocton, N. Y.

Marriage Licenses.

Howard J. Troutman, Harristown	23
Ollie Dill Musser, Decatur	23
Harry W. McHose, Decatur	31
Grace Beadles, Decatur	22
Joseph A. O'Bryan, Parkville	Legal
Luella Dunn, Decatur	Legal

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nervine and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems It dispels nervousness, rheumatism, and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N. L. Krone, druggists.

ROWELL.

Hugh Stoutenborough has been quite sick.

W. J Miller and Owens Bros. sale was well attended Friday and stock sold well.

Mrs. W. H. Randall still has a very bad hand caused by erysipelas.

Mrs. S. G. Braden was in Maroa Saturday.

Fred Moore was here from Maroa Saturday.

Mrs. Lovina Miller and Miss Maude Miller are visiting in Decatur.

Mrs. Charles Wikoff of Decatur has sold her farm of 157 acres, which lies two and a half miles south of this place, to William Shaw for $15,000.

David Foster is very sick again.

Mrs. W. B Hutchinson was a Maroa visitor Saturday.

D. M. Kemp's little daughter is quite sick.

Alice Blue is sick.

W. J. Miller moved to Decatur Monday.

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IVESDALE.

Mr. John Slavin sold a car load of horses Wednesday at auction. The sale was well attended but values were slightly disappointing.

J. C. Wood moved to Harvel, Ill.; where he will locate permanently.

Patrick Crinigan has accepted a position at Gillman, Ill. He expects to quit Ivesdale for good.

They say a policeman, a dinner basket and a jug all look alive in Ivesdale.

Con Ryan section foreman here has accepted a position as foreman of extra gang constructing the new double track on the St. Louis division of the Wabash taking effect March 1st.

L. P. Selle moves to Harvel next Monday and will locate near his brother on a farm.

Mrs. W. P Potter is visiting friends near St. Louis.

Measles are becoming very popular and few families are escaping the pest.

Feb. 27.

Love dislocates the liver and confuses the headlights.

WILL YOU COME AND BE MADE WELL?

You who are in the clutches of disease, whose bodies are racked with pain and whose souls are burdened with the weight of your infirmities.

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INVITATION YOU WILL EVER RECEIVE:

For twenty years I have devoted all my time to the treatment of chronic diseases and my records show that I have cured more than 15,000 men. I invite every afflicted man to call at my office for free consultation and if after careful examination, I find your case is incurable, I will frankly tell you so. I accept only curable cases and give you a written guarantee to cure you or refund your money. Twenty years' successful practice must be a sufficient guaranty to any thinking man that my work is thorough and satisfactory. Hundreds of my old patients are sending me their friends to be treated. Through many years of experience and observation I am in a position to give absolutely correct advice as to the proper method for you to pursue. My offices are complete with the latest and best electrical and medical appliances and all remedies known to the medical world for the cure of men's diseases. What you want is honest treatment from an experienced specialist. My principal reason for any extraordinary success is that I treat 500 cases to the family physician's one, and that I am equally as reliable and conscientious in my efforts to cure. If you are afflicted with any chronic disease come to me and you will be as certain of a cure as you know that you are living. My fee is reasonable, my cures are speedy and permanent. You are welcome to free consultation and advice whether you take treatment or not.

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Strange Things in Our Eatables

The Pure Food Discussion at the Recent Farmers' Institute

Some Deceptions Exposed by Commissioner R. M. Patterson

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[illegible] who is Assistant Food [illegible] Illinois claimed great [illegible] from Governor [illegible] demand that all [illegible] rigorously enforced by the [illegible] which he was gratified to [illegible] done as far as the lim[illegible] means of the same had [illegible] four hundred convic[illegible] adulterations being se[illegible] Commission last year. [illegible] legislation—state [illegible] claims infectious and [illegible] typhoid, rheumatism, [illegible] etc., can be held to a [illegible] better health be given [illegible] resulting in a race of giants.

M[illegible] said: [illegible] nothing more essential to [illegible] pure food. There is no [illegible] subject for deep thought [illegible] of all the people and the [illegible] for its possession and re[illegible] What nature provides should [illegible] free from foreign [illegible] possible. The air that pro[illegible] should be pure—just as the [illegible] the system affords [illegible] for maintaining life. When [illegible] foul or impregnated [illegible] matter, the system is [illegible] and if not properly cared [illegible] wrecked and eventually [illegible] these two matters then, [illegible] recognize the foundation and [illegible] of life.

Different Now.

[illegible] we have entered up[illegible] Things are far different [illegible] they were in our grand[illegible] days and in no way is this [illegible] than in the food pro[illegible] our grandmothers used to pre[illegible] home. Prepared direct[illegible] the source that gave [illegible] carefully garnered and hus[illegible] with the cherished thought for [illegible] had been grown—to give life, health and sustenance for the consum[illegible] stored away in the sanitary cellars, [illegible] cupboard, and watched with [illegible] that nothing foreign to [illegible] enter into their consump[illegible] Then when used for the purpose [illegible] which they were grown, the re[illegible] was beneficial in all ways.

Is this true now? Do these methods [illegible] now? Travel where you may [illegible] the breadth and length of our [illegible] and you will find great man[illegible] industries making, prepar[illegible] sending out enormous quanti[illegible] of food stuffs in all forms, to all people. The nature of the product so [illegible] prepared by our grandmoth[illegible] has almost been lost by these great factories. The small home industries have practically surrendered to the [illegible] manufacturers, and to them have we given the safe keeping not only of the health of ourselves and of our chil[illegible] the generations that will fol[illegible] Where we formerly relied upon [illegible] looked upon the house wife and [illegible] for our food stuffs we are now mostly compelled to seek the large [illegible] and "trusts" for most [illegible] the food we consume. In cities, towns, villages and hamlets and in most rural districts from Maine to Oregon can be seen empty cans bear[illegible] the brand and label of these man[illegible] of food stuffs. The lonely [illegible] of the pioneer, the isolated home [illegible] ranchman on the great plains, [illegible] shack of the prospector in the [illegible] of the great mountains, in the huge cities and in all manner of [illegible] alike can be seen these empty [illegible] that are yet filled with [illegible] stuffs prepared by manufacturers [illegible] factories. What the contents there[illegible] purport now to be, used to come di[illegible] from the farmer just as nature [illegible] life and just as it was intend[illegible] should be used.

The matter is indeed a serious problem. With the great help of the farm[illegible] the producer, can much of the existing evil be controlled and remedied. The problem has become so gigantic that nothing short of stringent nation[illegible] pure food laws can help us to se[illegible] what was intended for our wel[illegible]—pure food in all forms. This may be done only by legislation. Legislation that begins on the farm and continued through every walk of life until the law-maker himself is [illegible] and pledged for these laws. During the life of our present pure food laws beneficial changes have been enjoyed but the work is yet in its infancy. Our own state's food laws have been rigorously enforced during the administration of Governor Yates, through the Illinois Pure Food com[illegible] Great benefit has resulted. Last year more than four hundred con[illegible] were secured for violations of [illegible] pure food laws in Illinois and [illegible] here in Decatur we had a num[illegible] of cases. But it was only after re[illegible] attempts that we secured ad[illegible] of some of them. Our com[illegible] has been handicapped from [illegible] of funds and means for this work, and considering the force at hand we have done more than well.

Little Protection.

"We have pharmacy and medical laws stringent in themselves—that regulate the administering of drugs, and yet we allow a class of people with[illegible] any medical skill whatever to ad[illegible] poisonous coloring matter to our food stuffs. It may be held that a very small portion of these adulterations are allowable. Some of the chemists will probably hold so. And yet this same substance is allowed to enter our food stuffs without official inspection or supervision, as to the ultimate effect upon the public health and welfare. How very little the people realize the extent of this very serious problem. Just a small number of instances will I give in showing what some of these many "preparations" actually contain before being placed on the table for consumption. Coal tar colors and their cogeners are used for color effects for wines, jams, jellies, preserves, cherries, peaches, strawberries, tomatoes, candy, sausage, catsup, flavoring extracts, syrups for soda fountains, vinegar et cetera. Before reading the menus I desire to speak particularly of two food products. First, catsup; not the catsup that the housewife prepares but the catsup that is prepared by the manufacturer with the use of coal tar dyes. Coal tar dye—from coal—is made first by placing the coal in a closed vat, the fumes pass off through pipes, condensing on reaching a cold receptacle prepared for them. Nitric acid is then added to iron ore, left for some hours then the liquid drawn off and added to the fumes, and this is coal tar dye—a preparation from minerals which is used quite extensively in food products.

"The alum that is used in bakers' bread is the same kind of alum that barbers use on your face when shaving to draw out the soreness and heal the cut. It stands to reason that if it has such a powerful effect when used externally it would naturally have a deleterous effect when cooked in bread and assimilated with the gastric juices of the stomach.

In addition to this coloring matter there is employed the use of poisonous metallic salts of lead, copper, zinc, iron and even arsenic itself. True, many of these may not now be used, but all have been—and may be yet as far as official inspection can be secured from these "trusts."

"And it enters into every-day life of most every family in one way or another. I will give a menu for one day's service, and I choose the very modest dishes—those most commonly used.

For Breakfast.

"We will have sausage containing coal tar dyes and borax. Baker's bread containing alum. Canned cherries with coal tar and salicylic acid. Baked potatoes—pure food. Pancakes with alum and syrups with sodium sulphite. Butter containing coal tar dye. Did our grandmothers have a breakfast like that?

For Dinner.

"We have tomato soup containing coal tar dye and benzoic acid; cabbage and corned beef containing saltpetre; corn scallops doped with sulphuric acid and formaldehyde; catsup with coal tar and benzoic acid; canned peas with salicylic acid; vinegar having coal tar dye; baker's bread, with alum; mince pie with boracic acid; pickles with copperas, sodium sulphite and salicylic acid with a dessert of lemon ice cream containing methyl alcohol.

At Supper Time.

There is found baker's bread with the same old alum in it, canned beef containing borax; canned peaches with sodium sulphite, coal tar dye; pickles with copperas, sodium sulphite and formaldehyde; catsup and its coal tar dope; lemon cake with alum; baked pork and beans with formaldehyde; vinegar with coal tar dye, currant jelly, coal tar dye and salicylic acid; cheese with a coal tar mixture. The coffee or tea being similarly adulterated.

Is it any wonder that there are so many cases of typhoid fever, dyspepsia, bad stomachs and that "tired feeing" generally after feasting on such poisonous foods? No wonder our strong and healthy people are stricken with all kinds of diseases. Many kinds of food are treated with even far stronger adulterations than I have enumerated.

"Foods of many kinds are treated with antiseptics where no coloring matter is required or used. Many articles of food, however, contain both. Antiseptics are used to prevent fermentation, and like coloring matter may be divided into two classes—those not wholly admitted harmless but considered useful' are articles of food, such as salt, sugar, spices et cetera. And so-called chemical preservatives, the principal ones being salisaccharin, sulphurous acid and its salts boracic acid and borax, formaldehyde, saccharin, sulpuhous acid and its salts, and many others. The application of these preservatives to food products is of comparatively recent date. A National Pure Food law would speedily regulate their use. Formaldehyde or a similar preservative is used to prevent fermentation and a putrefactive process after it is placed on the market. It may be used for arresting decay in the raw material before being used by the manufacturer, or for the purpose of disinfecting raw material in order that any taint of unsanitary condition may be sold for sound, wholesome foodstuffs. This practically, is what these preservatives are used for, as I understand it. It must be remembered that the process of digestion in the human system is essentially a fermentation process brought about by a series of enzymes, and that any agent that will prevent fermentation will also render it indigestible as the digestive enzymes themselves are powerless during its presence. Chemical preservatives affect food products to which they are applied, in various ways. They destroy and render ineffective any germs of enzymes naturally contained in the food itself. And all of these changes in the food product tend to make it more indigestible and for which reason are not healthy. Preservatives in food products when used in sufficient quantities to prevent fermentation must necessarily affect the natural digestive enzymes of the alimentary tracts. It does not seem unreasonable to presume that digestion will be arrested in the presence of preservatives until the system has removed them by absorption. It is evident that most of the chemical preservatives are powerful drugs or medicines, affecting the system in some or all of its functional processes.

Need of Great Care.

"For these reasons the greatest care should be taken in the preparation of all food stuffs. It is absolutely vital to the health and future welfare of our people that the very best and purest foods be entered into the system. The problem is in its infancy. It must be acted upon by all people—for it is for the interest of all people. It affects mankind in various ways, but results in one way—health and happiness or misery, unhappiness and death itself.'

"It is to be regretted that the greed for money should darken the lives of our people. The days of our ancestry knew not such things; knew not the grasping greed of the ruinous trusts and their growing power over their loved ones, and knew not but what was honest, upright and for the best life of self and posterity.

The farmer and the producer can do much to remedy this great and growing evil. Let it start with you, and the result is not hard to forecast. Let the apple dry as it used to in the sun. Let the bright golden pumpkin hang in graceful festoons from the kitchen ceiling and the sweet corn occupy the place of honor above the kitchen stove. And have the long rows of preserves in glass cans, and other canned fruit fresh as nature gave it to us, stand serenely on the high shelves in the close cupboard or pantry and the jars of sweet meats repose securely locked from all depredations.

Let the usages of our grandmothers prevail now, and a race of giants will result—healthy, rugged, honest and brave."

Good Place for Cards.

John Allen, the circuit clerk, a few months ago put up a nice slate blackboard on the wall of the court house. He intended originally to use the blackboard for the purpose of announcing the business in the circuit court but it seems to have degenerated to another purpose. The candidates for office have a way of finding every available space for sticking up their cards and now Allen's blackboard is lined with candidates' cards. It is a splendid place to stick up cards.

MADE A BIG KILLING.

Local Gentlemen Place Fifteen Hundred on 20 to 1 Shot and Win.

A number of gentlemen having faith in a "20 to 1" shot at New Orleans last week organized a pool and raised $1,500 to back their opinion and had the satisfaction of dividing $30,000 among themselves. It was the greatest win ever made in Springfield. The horse they backed made its first appearance at a rate of 20 to 1. All those who had money in the pool are not known but the story is so well authenticated that no doubt of its accuracy exists.—Springfield News.

ONLY THE CLIMATE

That Was What Decatur Man Wanted to Bring Home.

Clyde Lyon, who has just returned home after a trip through the southern lumber district, having gone as far south as Galveston, says that the only thing that he saw in the south and wanted to bring back to Decatur, was the climate. Last week while riding across the state of Louisiana, the windows of the coach were open and many of the men carried their coats on their arm.

The southern lumber men say that the season just drawing to a close was notable for the light rainfall. As a result they were able to work almost every day and a big lot of lumber was saved. The southern lumber men say that all of the indications that they hear of are for a big trade during the coming season.

CERRO GORDO.

Miss Floy Towle of Decatur visited relatives here last week.

Webb Dunn and Fred Locher spent Sunday in Illiopolis.

Judge Cloyd of Bement was a business visitor Wednesday evening.

Frank Wood is visiting his parents. He expects of go to Oklahoma soon.

Ira McNichols was in Monticello Monday evening.

Several of our young ladies went to Decatur Tuesday evening to see "Pretty Peggy."

Miss Flo Adams and Mrs. Belle Hall are in St. Louis.

Herbert Grove, who is working in Decatur, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Dillow, the latter's mother, have moved back from Decatur.

Several of our politicians attended the meeting of the county central committee in Monticello, last Friday.

Louis Henninger will work in Decatur this summer.

A. C. Doyle and C. P. Yates of Cerro Gordo were in Milmine Monday.

Feb. 27.

BLUE MOUND.

Mrs. F. M. Burns was a Decatur visitor Wednesday.

Crio Himsteadt, Sr., is very low at this writing.

W. W. Austin of Decatur transacted business here Saturday.

Edgar Hupp is visiting in Arkansas.

Miss Eve Johnson gave a party Thursday evening, Feb. 25, to a number of her friends and schoolmates. The evening was spent in games and music. All present reported an enjoyable time.

G. W. Elliott was in Decatur Wednesday.

Clarence Myers' little daughter is on the sick list.

Miss Hallie Elliott visited in Blue Mound the first part of the week.

Miss Carrie Clements entertained a number of her friends Friday evening, Feb. 26, at her home, north of Blue Mound, at a party given in honor of Miss Gertrude Clements.

Luther Drake is no better at this writing.

Mrs. Cora McVey is on the sick list.

Feb. 29.

CHARTERS GO BY BOARD.

Many Companies Fail to Come Up to the Law.

Springfield, March 1—The charters of 1000 corporations doing business in Illinois were cancelled by the secretary of state for failure to comply with the law requiring annual statements. About 200 reports were received today, but whether they will be recorded is yet to be determined. The Illinois supreme court recently upheld the validity of the law.

COMPLETES HIS LECTURE

Supt. Gastman Furnishes Talk About the Summer School Held by Prof. Lewis Agassiz.

NEWS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Supt. E. A. Gastman finished his lecture on Agassiz, begun a week ago, on Monday morning in the assembly room. Besides the seniors, all of the science department were present. Superintendent Gastman began by saying he would repeat a few facts for the benefit of those who were not present a week ago.

Supt. Gastman received a circular in 1873 saying that Professor Lewis Agassiz, the great naturalist and scientist would conduct a summer school on the Isle of Penekese, in Buzzard's Bay. Supt. Gastman was one of a select fifty who attended. Some of these fifty are now the greatest scientists in the world.

Supt. Gastman then read Whittier's poem, "The Prayer of Agassiz," referring to the occasion when Agassiz requested all to bow their heads in silent prayer, the first class day.

The Isle of Penekese contains about thirty acres and is five miles from the main land. The first thing that struck Mr. Gastman was the great number of toads on the island. A person could not walk without scaring half a dozen out of bunch of grass. The history of these toads is curious. Some years before Captain Flannigan found grasshoppers so bad on the island that he imported half a dozen toads, picked up on the main land and put them into his pockets. These toads went to the only spring on the island and laid their eggs, and multiplied in the most extraordinary manner.

The island was also noted for its great numbers of birds. These seemed to have the island divided into different jurisdictions and each kind stayed in its own particular jurisdiction. On the north end was a place a few acres square inhabited by gulls. These are sea birds about the size of pigeons, except that the gulls' wings are somewhat longer than the pigeons. They lay eggs every place, never stopping to build nests. The nests sometimes cover the ground so thickly that the people on the island could not walk without immediate danger of stepping on eggs or young gulls. The gulls go out over the sea in great flocks, as soon as it is light. They fly until some one of them sees a fish, whereupon it drops down, disappears for a moment and then brings up the fish, which it carries to its nest, though how it can find its own nest is a mystery to Mr. Gastman.

On one corner of the island, no bigger than the assembly room, is the colony of sea anemories or coral makers. On another section is the colony of star fish, the only one for miles around, excepting on an island a mile and a half away, where they literally were caught by the tubful. Supt. Gastman exhibited a star fish and a horseshoe crab. This last is an animal found along the coast in the mud on the bottom of shallow basins. The way of catching these is curious. The hunters roll their pants as high as possible, wading in and feeling with their feet. Mr. Gastman gave a demonstration of how they acted when their feet came in contact with a sharp spine of the fish. This was so realistic that it caused all the girls to emit an involuntary scream.

Agassiz one said: "No matter how imperfect a specimen you find, always retain it until you get something better." Mr. Gastman then told about some of the sad stories connected with the adjoining islands. His talk was very highly appreciated by all.

Other D. H. S. Notes.

Professor Smith's classes are going to write original themes, any subject they choose. These are to be on Friday.

Rev. J. D. Roth, who was connected for two years with the census department at Washington, will speak to Prof. Hansen's American History classes on the subject of the census of 1900.

Robert Earnest, the head janitor, is again in his place after an absence of several days on account of sickness.

The "Knights of King Arthur," ordered by the board of education, arrived Monday.

HE ASKED PROOF

Chicago Father Thought He Was Tricked When Handed New-Born Son.

HE CALLED FOR THE SCALES.

Then Doubted Senses When 26 Pounds Were Registered.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Charles Martini, who lives at 126 Pacific avenue, and is not even on speaking terms with "Dry," became a father for the third time yesterday, and, when the nurse placed the precious bundle in his arms, they striaghtened with a jerk.

"How many?" queried the father.

"Only one," and the nurse rubbed a tired arm.

"Sure it's a baby?" asked Martini, afraid to turn the shawl and look.

"It is," and the nurse continued to rub that arm.

"I thought it was a man," and the father returned the babe and ran for the scales. When they weighed the baby the indicator ran around the dial like an oldtime wheel of fortune.

"Saints. It registers 25 pounds, and it isn't enough," shrieked Martinin. Another trial indeed showed the child to weigh 26 pounds. And then the rejoicing began at a rate likely to cause a wine shortage at Chicago.

Strange as it may seem, there are two little fellows who regard the babe as an interloper. They are Freddie and Sammy Martini. Still, family rivalry is possibly responsible for their lack of regard.

"Shucks." At that, he ain't as good a babe as I was," said Sammy, the first. "Maybe I didn't weigh quite 26 pounds, but he can't talk. And I'd rather weigh 22 pounds and be able to talk than weigh 26 pounds and not be able to say anything, wouldn't you?"

Freddie had a similar complaint. "Oh, he ain't such a great baby as they think," he said, in a disgusted sort of way. "Why, he ain't a bit smart. He don't even know what you say to him. And he ain't a good fellow, either. Why, just a few minutes ago I gave him a little pinch, and what do you suppose he did? He cried. If a fellow here in the alley did that the fellows would fix him."

Still the envy of his brothers does not keep the people of the neighborhood from thinking that the latest "Baby Martini" is the greatest babe of the district. The Martini babies have all been healthy and rather large. Sammy, the first, weighed 22, and Freddie, the second, tipped the beam at 24 pounds, so that the fourth, when it comes, should prove a giant of 28 pounds.

HAMLIN MEETING

Hamlin Meeting Will Be Held at the Court House In Decatur Next Saturday Night.

FRIENDS ARE MAKING PLANS.

To Give Their Candidate for Governor a Big Reception.

Attorney H. J. Hamlin will be in Decatur again Saturday night and will deliver an address at the court house. Mr. Hamlin was in Decatur Monday night and he said that Saturday was the only night he would be able to come to Decatur for a meeting.

The arrangements were made Tuesday and a message was sent to Mr. Hamlin telling him that he would be expected in Decatur Saturday night.

The meeting will be held in the circuit court room and will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The Hamlin glee club from Shelbyville will be here to furnish music and the friends of the candidate in Decatur will make every effort to have the meeting a big one and to give Mr. Hamlin a good reception.

The last time that Mr. Hamlin delivered an address in Decatur was on the occasion of a banquet given by the bar association at the St. Nicholas hotel. Mr. Hamlin did not talk politics then but he made a good address and impressed those who heard him as being a polished speaker of unusual ability.

WAS A BIG DAY

Transfers Amounting to $155,700 Filed for Record Yesterday.

RECORD WAS NOT BROKEN.

Comparison With the Day of a Year Ago.

Real estate transfers amounting to $155,700 were filed for record in the office of the circuit clerk Tuesday. This was a big day's business. The first of March is always the big season of the year.

The total amount of transfers is not as much as the first of March for the two years previous but considering the high price of land it could scarcely be expected that there would be as many sales of land as ordinarily.

The following figures show the amount of transfers and mortgages filed on March 1 for the past three years, the first of the month last year falling on Sunday, the business for March 2 is given:

1904 Business.

Total number of instruments filed	43
Number of deeds	23
Total consideration of same	$155,700
Number of mortgages filed	11
Total consideration of same	$ 46,400

1903 Business.

Total number of instruments filed	36
Number of deeds	23
Consideration of deeds	$188,290
Number of mortgages	11
Total consideration of mortgages	$ 36,400

1902 Business.

Total number of instruments filed	59
Number of deeds filed	30
Total consideration of deeds filed	$220,000
Number of mortgages filed	21
Total consideration of mortgages filed	$ 93,200

Work to Do.

The filing of so many deeds and other instruments means a lot of work to be done by the circuit clerk and his assistants in the office. All of the deeds and mortgages and other instruments must be recorded in the proper books and it will take a day or two to catch up with the business in this line.

The Transfers.

The following were the deeds filed for record the considerations in the majority of cases being large:

Lemuel Wikoff to Samuel Braden the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 29, township 18, range 2 east, $6250.

Homer Crawford to William A. Wilson the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 28 and the north half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter and 32 acres off the southwest quarter of section 29, and one acre in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 29, all in township 17, range 3 east; $11,050.

William D. Chamberlain, executor to Mary C. E. Randle, lots 4 and 5 in J. K. Warren and Company's seventh addition to Decatur; $3500.

George W. Vaughan to C. A. Stanton the south half of lot 7 in block 3 of H. Robinson's addition to Decatur; $1300.

W. C. Dimock to C. A. Stanton lot 6 in block 2 of Rolling Mill addition to Decatur; $875.

Andrew C. Black to William H. Jostes the southwest quarter of section 26, township 15, range 1, east; $18,400.

Charles R. Jones to Harry Scott, a part of lot 3 of the northeast quarter of section 6, township 15, range 3, east; $7000.

William H. Stroh to Henry A. Stroh 64 acres off the west end of a tract in the northwest quarter of section 30, township 17, range 3 east; $800.

C. I. Lockwood to Lydia B. Harshbarger 30 feet off the east side of lot 8 of H. M Whitmer's addition to Decatur; $2,500.

Letha A. Schroll et al to Thomas R. S. McIntosh the northeast quarter of section 17, township 17, range 2 east; $17,000.

J. W. Chapman to John T. Wolfer 80 acres off the west side of the northeast quarter of section 34, township 16, range 1 east, also the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 34, township 16, range 1 east; $9700.

James W. Crawford to William Perrine, the south half of the northwest quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter of section 4, township 14, range 1 east; $18,000.

Guy J. Parke to Max Atlass lot 24 in block 2 of Watt and Company's addition to Decatur; $3060.

Virgil H. Parke to Guy J. Parke lot 24 in block 2 in Watt and Company's addition to Decatur; $3000.

George Robbins to Ellen Robbins quit claim to lots 5 and 6 in block 5 of Plant and Tuttle's addition to Decatur; $1.

Ellen Robbins to James Lichtenberger quit claim to the west half of lot 6 in block 5 of Plant and Tuttle's addition to Decatur; $1.

Israel J. Chronister to James Lichtenberger lot 11 in block 6 of Smith & Company's addition to Decatur; $1650.

George Kitch to Julia G. Godwin a tract in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of section 7, township 17, range 1 east; $13,000.

George Robbins to James Lichtenberger lots 7 and 8 and the west half of lot 6 in block 5 of Plant and Tuttle's addition to Decatur; $4500.

Christian Riser to William H. Diller, a tract in the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 18, township 17, range 3 east; $13,916.50.

Mary J. Garver to Christian Riser quit claim to lot 5 in the south half of section 6, township 16, range 3 east; $6875.

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AN INVESTIGATION IS DUE

In the Arkansas Town Where the Postoffice Was Dynamited.

Clarendon, Ark., March 1—Government secret service agents are expected to arrive at Humphreys, Ark., this week to investigate the dynamiting of the local postoffice blown down last Sunday morning.

While the dynamiters have succeeded in concealing their identity, it is believed that they were citizens who shared in the general disgust of the community over the selection of a negro as postmaster.

A negro of the name of Toms preceded him and the memory of his administration, ending in a sentence to the state prison for robbing registered letters, moved the community to protest when it learned another negro was to be appointed to succeed him.

This protest was ignored and the commission arrived in a few days. The postmaster chose his daughter as deputy, which increased the public indignation.

Sometime Saturday night a mine was planted under the building and at 3 o'clock Sunday morning it was touched off. The noise aroused the entire town and when the citizens arrived on the scene the postoffice building was a complete wreck.

The citizens are wondering now if the president will treat them as he treated the citizens of Indianola, Miss., and shut off their mail.

NO TROOPS FOR PANAMA.

Marines Will Continue to Guard United States Interests.

Washington, March 1—It was decided at the cabinet meeting today that troops should not be sent to the Isthmus of Panama. Preparatory orders that had been sent to the Third infantry to prepare for service there will be revoked. Marines will continue to guard the interests of the United States on the isthmus. The cabinet was influenced in its decision by the disinclination to have two jurisdictions on the isthmus, and as naval vessels must remain there for some time it was decided to allow the marines to continue the land duty.

IGNORE COURT'S INJUNCTION

Striking Chicago Messengers Attack and Beat Adult Successors.

Chicago, March 1—The injunction issued by the Federal court against striking telegraph messenger boys failed today to put a stop to "slugging" tactics.

One of the adult messengers employed as a strike breaker was beaten into insensibility and another roughly handled. In each case the strike breaker was attacked by a dozen boys who had trailed him from the company's offices. The assailants only desisted upon the arrival of the police.

TEMPTING THE FATES.

An Automobile Which Will Jog at Eighty Miles an Hour.

Washington, March 1—The most powerful automobile in the world has just been turned out in France for M. Bellamy of Paris.

According to a report received by the department of commerce and labor, this machine is equipped with an engine of 165 horse power, and is geared to a regular speed of 80 miles an hour.

THE ENGINEER INCLUDED

That Suit Against Wabash May be Heard in State Court.

Taylorville, March 1—A suit for damages was filed in the circuit court today.

Alex Shoup, administrator of the estate of the late Hiram D. Waddle, of Palmer, who was killed by a Wabash railroad train, sues for $10,000. He names as defendants the Wabash railway company and Robert Zink, the engineer of the train. As suits in any sum of over $2000 brought against corporations is transferred to the United States district court, the engineer was included so that the case could be tried here. The case was before the United States district court and a non-suit was taken by the plaintiff.

MADE WAR ON WOMEN.

West Virginia Man Kills an Infant In Mother's Arms.

Elkins, W. Va., March 1—Louis Toureville, after quarreling with his wife, shot and seriously wounded her as she fled from him. Meeting Mrs. Moyer with her infant child, he accused her of causing his trouble and fired at her. The bullet killed the child and wounded its mother. Officers attempted to arrest Toureville, but before they could do so he shot and killed himself.

SITUATION MORE HOPEFUL

March 1 Saw Vast Army of Wage Workers Busy in Chicago.

Chicago, March 1—March begins with the Chicago labor horizon clouded by few strikes, and brightened by several important settlements reached Monday. As many contracts between employers and unions date from March 1, the outlook is that peace in many trades for the coming twelve months is assured.

The agreements that begin with the month shows that wages are not falling at present. More than 45,000 workers are directly interested in agreements that expired today. Few of this army are today idle because of strikes or lockouts.

SUSPECT IN JAIL.

For the Attempted Train Robbery On the Q. & C. Road.

Meridian, Miss., March 1—Warren Monroe and wife, and Ella James, all negroes, were arrested today in connection with the mail car robbery and Stockton murder. Soldiers kept close guard last night on the jail where the negro, Paris, is confined, but it is htought the militia will probably be released tomorrow.

ALL VOTE FOR DICK.

Elected Senator to Succeed M. A. Hanna.

Columbus, O., March 1—Charles Dick, of Akron, was today elected United States senator to succeed the late Senator Hanna. He was given the solid republican vote of the house and senate which voted in separate session. The democrats voted for John H. Clark of Cleveland. Tomorrow at noon the house and senate meet in joint session to canvass the vote.

Cotton is Flying.

New Orleans, March 1—The cotton market opened today at 3 to 16 points down, but the bulls secured control and boosted prices to 20 points above the opening. The bears again got control and the close showed net loss for the day 15 to 16 points on May and July and a decline of 22 points from the highest levels of the day.

Stabbed His Wife.

Pittsburg, March 1—A negro arrested at Bloomington, Ill., today and who gave his name as Lee Thomas is William Green. He is charged with stabbing his wife about two weeks ago at Monessen. The woman is in the McKeesport hospital and will doubtless recover.

Quiet in the Balkans.

Paris, March 1—Authoritative advices have been received in Paris which show an eminently satisfactory condition of affairs in the Balkans. Roumania, Servia and Bulgaria have given fresh assurances that they propose to maintain peace.

THE USUAL RESULTS

Follow When Lemon Extract Is the Beverage.

Stillwell, I. T., March 1—Five young men of this city are dead and another is critically ill as a result of drinking lemon extract.

Grosvenor Again.

Athens, O., March 1—At the republican convention of the eleventh district today General Grosvenor, was nominated for the tenth term in congress.

THE INTERURBANS

Decatur Party Will Make Inspection Of Danville Line.

PLEASANT TIME IN PROSPECT.

Visitors Will Get Advance Knowledge of What's In Store For Decatur.

A party of Decatur men composed of the members of the city council and about thirty citizens, will leave this morning on a trip to Danville and Champaign to inspect the interurban road and learn the benefits of the enterprise.

The Decatur men will go as the guests of the interurban managers, M. L. Harry, the local superintendent, and Manager Fischer of the Decatur, Danville and Champaign street railroad and light plants, will be the hosts of the occasion and W. A. Bixby, formerly of Decatur and now of Quincy, will be one of the party.

The interurban road is to come through Decatur and it is the purpose of the promoters to give the Decatur people a chance to see the road in operation at Danville and Champaign and to give them a chance to talk with the business men of those places and learn the benefits of having an interurban come through the city.

The party will leave at 9:04 a. m. today on the Wabash for Danville. A special coach has been chartered and will be attached to the regular train. Danville will be reached about 11:30 a. m. and on arriving there the party will be taken over the interurban to Georgetown and Westville and back to Danville, a round trip of twenty-four miles.

At 1:30 p. m. at the Plaza hotel in Danville a dinner will be served. After dinner there will be speeches by some of the Danville business men and during the afternoon the Decatur people will have a chance to meet some of the Danville people.

The trip from Danville to Champaign will be made over the interurban and the party will be at Champaign at 5 p. m. The party will take super at the Beardsley house at Champaign and will return to Decatur at 11 p. m., coming from Champaign over the Illinois Central in a special car.

The Decatur men will be the guests of the interurban managers on the entire trip.

WILL OF WHITNEY

Financier Never Forgave Two of His Children for Bitterly Opposing Second Marriage.

RESULT, EACH GETS A TENTH

However, No Evidence of This Was Allowed to Disturb Outward Appearance of Harmony.

New York, Feb. 277.—William C. Whitney's will has started the gossips' tongues. Mr. Whitney gave his son, Harry Payne, five-tenth of his estate, Harry Payne, five-tenths of his estate of it. The other two-tenths was divided equally between the eldest child, Mrs. Paget, and the youngest son, Payne. Harry Payne Whitney was appointed executor and trustee without bond.

Two stories are told of the reasons for Mr. Whitney's disposition of his property. It is intimated by some that the will proves that there was friction in the Whitney household, and that it was caused by the financier's second marriage to Mrs. Randolph.

It is said that this marriage was opposed by Payne Whitney and by Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget, who was Pauline H. Whitney.

Col. Oliver H. Payne, of the Standard Oil company, Mr. Whitney's brother-in-law, also opposed Mr. Whitney's second marriage, it is said.

For several years there has been club talk of the choice and vigorous remarks of Col. Payne when he head that Mr. Whitney was to remarry.

Harry Payne Whitney stood by his father while Miss Dorothy, being too young to have any voice in the family affairs, clung to him naturally.

Mr. Whitney married again and, thereafter, the Whitney family though outwardly cordial and on the best of terms, was really divided. There was a coolness between Mr. Whitney and the opponents of his second marriage, never quite dissipated.

The loyalty of his son, Harry Payne, endeared the latter to his father, and during the recent years of the financier's life, William C. and Harry Payne Whitney were more like affectionate brothers than father and son.

This is the substance of one story that is being told in explanation of the division of the Whitney estate.

Another is that what Mr. Whitney most desired was that, after his death, the prestige and standing of the Whitney family should be upheld. It is stated, in order to be sure this wish should be carried out, Mr. Whitney entered into an agreement with Col. Oliver H. Payne to the effect that, while Mr. Whitney provided for Harry Payne and Dorothy Whitney in his will, Col. Payne should do equally well by Payne Whitney and Mrs. Paget. Thus, all of the Whitney children would be well provided for.

It is said by all who relate this story that as soon as the total value of the estate is made known and the amount of the share of Harry Payne Whitney and Miss Dorothy are accurately known, Col. Payne will settle upon Payne Whitney and Mrs. Paget an amount which will make up the shortage caused by the favor shown to Harry Payne and Miss Dorothy.

Nothing is said in the will concerning Mr. Whitney's vast interests in the turf. These, however, Mr. Whitney regarded as his playthings and probably intended that Harry Payne Whitney should follow in his footsteps and race the horses or dispose of them, as he saw fit.

Some Consolation.

While the country grain merchants are worried by the fact that they cannot get cars to ship the corn with which the elevators are bursting, they say they find some consolation in the fact that the condition of the roads prohibits the delivery of any more grain at present.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c cents. Sold by John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N. L Krone, druggists.

Births.

Lese—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank [illegible] South Church street, [illegible]

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March came in lamb-like enough. Here's hoping she will keep on bleating.

An exchange thinks the most popular song just now in the far east is "Korea the gemski of the oceanvitch."

It is said that wheat has not wintered well. Then the old theory that snow is good for wheat must be a mistake.

In 22 out of 29 days of February it either snowed or rained. The other seven were too cold No wonder February slinks away in shame.

Walter Wellman says that Fairbanks is willing. It looks much like Roosevelt and Fairbanks. How would Hearst and Jerry Simpson do for the democrats?

Panama is not a health resort and it will be necessary for the canal commissioners to do a little preliminary fumigating and cleaning up to insure the safety of the diggers.

Congressman Burton, who tried to obstruct and defeat the navy bill, can now walk over and commune with Senator Gorman, who endeavored to put blocks in the way of the Panama canal treaty.

The visit of Attorney General Hamlin and his speech at the court house on Saturday evening will add new interest to the political situation. Hamlin is a fine speaker and will no doubt have a fine hearing.

The "Iowa idea" seems to have suffered a solar plexus blow at Des Moines, Iowa, on Monday. Congressman Hull won the fight of his life. He is a "stand patter" and the free trade republicans tried to down him.

The campaign against trading stamps among business men is becoming widespread. So long as one house only had them it was an advantage. When all got them it put them on a level. People are learning, too, that the cost to the merchant must be made up in the price of goods. In other words the purchaser "pays the freight"

Senator Gallinger has introduced a bill in the senate to raise the salaries of members of the house and senate to to $8,000. He puts the president at $75,000; vice president, $15,000, speaker of the house $12,000; and members of the cabinet at $15,000. At present members and senators get $5,000, vice president, speaker and cabinet officers $8,000, and the president $50,000. Should this bill be passed, which is altogether unlikely, it could not affect the salaries until the beginning of next term, March 4, 1905. There are plenty of good men and capable who are willing, aye anxious, to serve their country at the present rates. It is not believed that the Gallinger bill will become a law.

Pharmacy as a business for women, says the New York Press, is not advancing as rapidly in this country as in England, where, strangely enough, the objection to petticoated druggists is not half as emphatic as it is America, and especially in New York. The principal objection by American druggists is based on the ground that the employment of women in dispensing drugs would throw many men out, inasmuch as the woman pharmacist would give her services at a lower rate, but there is nothing in the English experience to bear out that contention. There are women druggists in English dispensaries who receive as much as $1,000 a year each. They learn quickly, are careful and conscientious and are not as likely to take the Spt. Frumenti bottle from its shelf as frequently as the trousered dispenser. Two girls had a drug store in Harlem about three years ago, but could not make it pay because the doctors strongly advised their patients to intrust their prescriptions only to men.

THE HEARST MOVEMENT.

Newspaper readers who make it a business to keep in touch with things political know that the Hearst movement is no longer to be considered as merely something to be treated in the wit and humor column. It does not make any difference, says the Capital, how grotesque, incongruous or astounding in its real essence such a movement may be the fact remains that it has reached such proportions that it will have to be reckoned with at St. Louis.

The democratic party is not yet purged of its hysteria. For eight long years it has staggered along under the weight of Bryanism. There are many old-time democrats who under the chastening of successive defeats would like to see the party back upon the respectable plane which it once occupied, but the prospects that their wishes in the matter will be considered are anything but roseate. Bryan may not be able to have his own way in every particular in the convention, but should he throw his support to Hearst, this strength together with such other elements of strength as he might be able to call forth from other sections, is going to make him a formidable candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

OPINION HAS CHANGED.

In the beginning the general impression was that little Japan would be no match for her powerful rival for Chinese territory. Since then opinions have greatly changed. Even in Wall street Japan is looked upon as a probable winner. Henry Clews, who reflects financial sentiments in New York, is his late circular letter says that if the struggle is confined to Japan and Russia, as it probably will be, its effect upon the world's financial markets will not be serious. But those who control the purse strings in Europe are much more sensitive about the effect of the war than financial leaders in the United States While Japanese success appears to be regarded with satisfaction throughout the civilized world, there are those who are apprehensive of the effect of defeat upon the Russian empire, which is weak financially, industrially and politically. Russia is ruled by a czar of highly humane purposes, but, unfortunately, it is only too evident that he is surrounded by a bureaucracy which is entirely at variance with his ideals and beyond his control. Further, Russia is seething with discontent, arising from misgovernment and the corruption which prevails among the official classes. It is not easy, therefore, to calculate the effect of military and naval reverses upon the Russian government, especially should they mean, as now appears possible, the driving back of Russia to the Amur river. Important developments in Russian affairs of a more or less revolutionary character are therefore quite within the range of possibilities, if not probabilities, should Japan continue on her victorious course. Added to this uncertainty there is the fear of an uprising this spring in the Balkans, the outcome of which is entirely beyond calculation; so that the foreign situation is far from being assuring.

NOT ENTANGLED.

The United States is today entangled in no foreign alliances, says the Washington Post. It is bound up in the political fortunes of no other power It is taking its part in the world's affairs as becomes a world power, a great commercial nation, a friend of world peace and a leader in trade, manufactures and invention. It is exercising a wholesome, pacific influence upon the world, chiefly for its own sake, incidentally for that of the other nations. It is friendly with all, partisan with none, and, in the terms of Washington's warning, it is now, tardily but none the less satisfactorily, "taking care to keep itself by suitable establishments on a respectable defensive posture."

Washington's or Jefferson's, the words which ring today in the nation's ears are wise and potent for good. And in their interpretation the changes which have occurred since their utterance must be taken into consideration, else they will not fit the case, as their promulgators would unquestionably have wished them to fit in these early days of the Twentieth century.

SHELLABARGER'S SUPPORTERS.

So far there has been no opposition among the republicans of this county to the candidacy of D. S. Shellabarger for congress. He is insured the support of all republicans regardless of their preferences for governor. On the question of governor the republicans are divided, nearly every candidate having some followers, but most of them are for either Warner or Hamlin. Ordinarily the individual choice of republicans for governor has nothing to do with his support of a local candidate for congress. There is no legitimate reason why this should make any difference. Those who are in control of the so-called Hamlin end of the Shellabarger support hold that Shellabarger's success depends entirely upon the success of Hamlin's supporters in securing control of the county convention and giving Hamlin the delegates to the state convention. They convey so far as they can the impression that in that event Hamlin would reciprocate and would have power to give the nomination for congress to Macon county. They carry this to the extent of assuming that those republicans who do not accept this dictum are not loyal to Mr. Shellabarger.

There is a very considerable number of candidates who favor Warner and other candidates for governor who are not deceived by that theory and who do not believe in it who are as loyal to Mr. Shellabarger as those who do believe in it and who will go as far and work as hard and as wisely and unselfishly to secure the nomination of Mr. Shellabarger if they control the county conventions as the other people. They are men who have had political experience and know a political trick when they see it. They fully understand that neither Warner nor Hamlin will be in position when the congressional convention meets to do much if anything, for Mr. Shellabarger. Four and perhaps five of the eight counties in the district will present candidates for congress in that convention, namely, Macon, Platt, Douglas, Coles and perhaps Champaign. They think the relations of both Warner and Hamlin to these various counties will be such that they will be unable to interfere and will leave the counties to fight it out. This idea of being able to twist a nomination for congress for Macon county out of a primary contest for governor in the county is certainly novel, if not ludicrous where seven other counties and four or five other candidates for congress are interested in securing the nomination for themselves.

So it may be readily seen there is a wide difference of opinion as to the best methods of securing the nomination for congress for Macon county. Those who contend that the way to succeed is to go into a gigantic trading scheme with gubernatorial candidates, with the view of putting the Warner following on the defensive and impugning their honesty of purpose, allege that Warner has himself been an avowed candidate for congress in case he failed to secure the gubernatorial nomination; that he is still a candidate in that sense and therefore cannot be of any assistance in nominating Shellabarger. It is true that in the beginning of the campaign Mr. Warner hoped these conditions might be preserved to the end of the campaign, but they have not. The field is now full of aspirants for his seat in congress and at this time there is no more reason for saying he is a candidate for congress than that Hamlin is. There is just as much reason for saying that if Hamlin fails of the nomination for governor he would accept the nomination for congress as for alleging that Warner would. The chances are ten to one that either one of them would accept the honor in case his gubernatorial aspirations are not realized. This only goes to show how barren this political trading is which is exploited by the so-called Hamlin supporters of Shellabarger. The so-called Warner supporters of Shellabarger are just as loyal to Shellabarger as the other people and are just as free to support him to the end as the other people. They differ with them only in their primary choice for governor and the manner to pursue to secure the nomination of Mr. Shellabarger. They believe in Macon county, with a strong candidate like Mr. Shellabarger, standing upon its right to recognition in the nomination of a congressman in a dignified manner, rather than making any primary candidate for governor its conservator or inviting opposition by connecting Mr. Shellabarger's candidacy with the fortunes of any one of the candidates for governor now contesting the district.

TOO MANY DOCTORS.

The Kansas City Journal has a correspondent who thinks that Senator Hanna was killed by too many physicians He says when a noted man gets seriously ill, he is almost certain to die. Too many doctors and too much medicines is oftentimes against the recovery of a patient, and if you will notice you will see that the more noted the patient the more doctors attend him. The friends and relatives appear to think that the doctor must be doing something all the time and when the united efforts of say three doctors are brought to bear, the patient usually has to suffer. I was called in consultation on a bad case of pneumonia once and my colleague showed me his schedule of treatment It called for a dose of something, or other every half hour, which meant that, even though the patient was trying to sleep, every thirty minutes he had to be awakened to take either something for the cough or a dose to allay the fever. I remonstrated with the man who had the case in charge and got him to agree with me that a moderate amount of medicine and plenty of restful sleep was worth more than what the schedule called for—and while it may not be due to the treatment, the patient got well. Too much anxiety to cure a sick man is worse than not enough, and results in making matters worse instead of better.

Col. John Oglesby has been promoted. He graduated from the post of private secretary to Gov. Yates to a candidate for the legislature with excellent prospects of election. By giving Macon county the senator, Logan and DeWitt each will name its own member of the lower house. Logan has already chosen Mr. Oglesby, which insures his nomination and election. Charles M. Tinney succeeds Oglesby as the guardian and mascot of Gov. Yates. " During his entire term Mr. Tinney has been the faithful and efficient servant of Gov. Yates. No better man could have been chosen. He is faithful, diplomatic, energetic—a most valuable adjunct to a governor's office.

Decatur appears to be a sort of trysting place for the candidates for governor. It is not easy to go anywhere in Central Illinois without coming through this city. Railroad facilities are so extensive that it is most convenient to come this way. Hence, Hamlin, Warner, Sherman and the rest are frequently found in Decatur for a few hours. Incidentally they do not hesitate to look after the elusive voter and plan for the slippery delegate.

Elgin is afflicted with brutal prize fighting under the deceptive title of "athletic exhibitions." On one occasion physicians were necessary to save one of the pugilists from death. Nothwithstanding this the police authorities sit by and allow the brutal "mills" to be fought out. Elgin is a good town, but public sentiment should be so aroused as to make public officials do their duty or resign.

D. M. Parry the implacable foe of labor organizations has a strike on his hands among his non-union workmen. It would appear then that all labor ills are not produced by labor unions. Mr. Parry should show by his fair treatment of his own employes an example worthy of imitation by those he would teach.

Some predict that May wheat will go to $1.50. This is owing to the war with Russia which cuts off the supply that went to feed Europe. This will make greater demands on the American product and will incidentally add a large sum to the profits of the wheat producers of this country. We can stand this if the other fellows can.

There seems to be quite an epidemic of fatalities for state houses. Recently Iowa came within an inch of losing her handsome structure. Wisconsin is next in line. Her capitol was last week destroyed. It is hoped some time will elapse before it comes the turn for Illinoih to lose her costly structure.

Bryan says that Cleveland could not be elected if nominated. This is no doubt true. Still Cleveland has one defeat due yet before he is equal to Bryan. On the other hand Cleveland has been twice elected and that is just two times more than Bryan can show. Bryan, however, is a fine authority on Waterloos.

Senator Hanna's estate has mounted up since it got into the probate court. The inventory shows about $7,000,000. Much of this is in street car investments in Cleveland. Could it be possible that Tom Johnson's zeal for cheap fares was emphasized by Hanna's holdings?

Samuel E. Gross, who charged Edmond Rostand with stealing his "Cyrano de Bergerac" from his own production of "The Merchant Prince of Cornville," is defendant in bankruptcy proceedings. Some of Mr. Gross' creditors insist that he can easily pay out and are resisting the bankruptcy proceedings.

Some one has gone to the trouble to prepare a table of the depth of Central Illinois snows for the past 63 years. This table shows that the deepest in this time was Feb. 28, 1900, when snow fell to a depth of 22 inches. The probability is that the reliability of these snow measurements will rank with Hicks and the ground hog.

May wheat took a slide on the toboggan on Tuesday. Yet people will risk their money in this now-you-see-it and now-you-don't-see-it performance. The big fish are constantly eating up the little ones.

It is said that Nebraska will make a grasshopper exhibit at St. Louis. New Jersey is divided between mosquitoes and trusts. Each is so prominent in Jersey life that it is decidedly difficult to determine which interest is more pestiferous.

Windsor tried to have a daily newspaper but after one month it was discontinued because it did not pay. To publish a daily newspaper requires much expense and great labor. The smaller places have ambitions greater than their resources.

Patti cancelled her last farewell date in Chicago. As soon as her manager learned of the small ticket sales the ancient queen of song became afflicted with a severe cold. It is pathetic to see the once world's greatest singer attempting to perform merely to secure $5,000 per night.

Present plans are to shelve Williams and try to head off Hearst in Illinois with Mayor Harrison. It is too late. The rich young man from New York has planted too much seed. It will spring up and grow especially as there is prospect of more seed.

Machen, Lorenz and one of the Groffs each gets two years in the penitentiary and $10,000 fine for the postal frauds. They are out on bonds pending an appeal. It is likely that other guilty ones will meet similar doses of justice.

Mr. Shellabarger while several hundred miles away has made a pretty good success of lining up his own county for him for congress. When he gets home he can go out and bag enough others to give him the nomination.

"Old Abe," the stuffed remains of Wisconsin's historic war eagle were consumed in the late state house fire. It seems too bad to lose this old bird. He was a real character in the civil war, 40 years ago.

March may come in as a roaring lion or as gentle as a sucking dove but neither will save from its fitful blasts. The transition month cannot be other than ugly.

The president evidently did not regard the canal commission is being intended as a roosting place for political lame ducks. The men chosen are fit for the place.

The Yates carriage to some begins to look like a band wagon. If it were not for Cook county with its over 500 delegates the solution of the problem would be easier.

A Hearst campaign would need no ways and means committee. Mr. Hearst could furnish the means and his lieutenants could find the ways for spending it.

Stationary engineers should be required to pass an examination. Incompetent men run the risk of blowing up those who are not concerned in doing the firing.

The service pension bill is likely to wait until the next session of congress at least. It is estimated that it would add $20,000,000 to $30,000,000 to the pension rolls annually.

It appears now that the across-continent railroads always have been in favor of a Panama canal. Strange it was not announced until all the preliminaries were settled.

The contest for supremacy in Macon county is the prize. Incidental thereto is the nomination of governor, congressman, senator and the like.

Next Saturday Platt county will end the suspense over the fight between Warner and Hamlin. This county is the hinge of the 19th district.

Bailey of Texas has scarcely been able to approve any measure since he entered congress. He is so afraid some one will sprain the constitution.

After inviting Warner to become a candidate for governor it would be ungracious for Platt to be for Hamlin or Yates.

There has been pressure on the backbone of winter for the past few days. No one will object to see it broken.

Almost the only sure thing in the democratic party for this year is a finish fight between Bryan and Cleveland.

The local campaign promises to be a prayer meeting in point of tameness when compared to the struggle for bigger prizes.

Gen. Technicalities did not get in his work in the postal fraud cases. Machen and his co-conspirators must go to the penitentiary.

The coming of March is grateful The long cold winter cannot end without March and its mud.

The ground hog has two weeks yet to make good his gloomy prophesy. His first four weeks are in his favor.

After all, Hearst may fail in the ambition to be the democratic candidate for president. Tom Johnson has declared for him.

If Japan needs a Hobson we could loan him ours.

The "Ohio Idea" just now appears to be harmony and victory.

It is a good way to begin the new century by opening a highway between the oceans.

Platt county is in the midst of a battle royal. The primaries come next Saturday.

One consolation. March can't last but 31 days.

Hicks and the ground hog make a great team of weather prophets.

The motto of Uncle Sam now is dig.

A BUSY CAMPAIGN

Headquarters Opened In the Powers' Building in the Interest of H. J. Hamlin.

A THOROUGH ORGANIZATION.

Will Be Perfected In Each Election Precinct In the County.

The gubernatorial campaign in Macon county is growing more interesting each day and the friends of the various aspirants are busy. In the interest of the candidacy of H. J. Hamlin for the republican nomination for governor a business headquarters has been opened in room 322, Powers' building.

From now until after the time of holding the primaries there will be some one in the headquarters at all times during business hours and all of the friends of Mr. Hamlin from out of the city when here and those living in the city when they have the time, are invited to visit the headquarters.

The work of organizing the county in the interest of Mr. Hamlin is being pushed actively and by the last of the week it is the intention to announce the chairman in each election precinct. In each precinct there will be a campaign committee and twelve of the eighteen chairmen in Decatur township have already been selected. Probably by Saturday the names of all of the chairmen in the county will be announced.

Attorney General Hamlin will be in Decatur Saturday and that evening he will address a meeting to be held at the court house. A cordial invitation to all of the voters to attend the meeting and hear the address is extended.

The friends of Mr. Hamlin are active in their work and hopeful that they will be able to make a showing in Macon county that will justify the efforts that they are putting forth.

Marriage Licenses.

William Smith, Berry Station	30
Bessie Snyder, Hindsboro	32
Louis Lee Housley, Mt. Auburn	Legal
Mary J. Marshall, Mt. Auburn	Legal
James Butler, Monticello	28
Imo Rhoades, Decatur	21
Jasper Carver, Decatur	Legal
Edith Gisinger, Cisco	Legal

Administrator.

In the county court G. C. Ryder was named administrator of the estate of Alfred and Elizabeth N. Mottram, deceased. He died in December, 1901, and she died in January of this year. In each instance the administrator gave bond in the sum of $100.

Resignation Accepted.

The Bloomington presbytery held a special session at the Presbyterian church in the city Monday afternoon and took formal action on the resignation of the Rev. George E. Hunt, who leaves soon to accept the pastorate of the Christ Presbyterian church of Madison, Wis.—Urbana Courier.

MARRIED.

Coker-Avis.

Thomas J. Coker of this city and Laura Avis of Hickory Point were married at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. N. Bobb of this city performed the ceremony.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

A Suggestion for Harmony.

Editor Herald: I have read with deep interest and much concern the able articles over the real signature of Hon. I. R. Mills and the blank signature of Judge Johns published in the edition of The Herald and Review of last Sunday, upon the subject of the candidacy of Mr. D. L. Shellabarger for congress. The general tone of the articles referred to have made a deep impression upon my mind. It would seem that all personal interest of the citizens of Macon county should be subordinated to the one object which the writers have in view, viz., Macon county should have the congressman from this district.

Now let us do all we can to bring about that result. We do not want all of the offices but we do want the congressman Let each one do what he can to bring about this desirable result and brush aside all personal interests. Let Judge Johns resign his position of judge of this district in favor of some one in Douglas county (which has no district office) and that county will surely be for Shellabarger, and let Hon. I. R. Mills resign his office of internal revenue collector for forty counties in this state, in favor of some Piatt county man (there is no district office there) and Piatt will be for Shellabarger. What we want is congressman. Now let us get the office and go about it systematically and we will succeed. Mr. Shellabarger has no opposition in Macon county as heard from, and Macon county has no candidate for governor. Let's go at this thing in earnest and give something that we have in exchange for something that will be of benefit to us, and then we will stand a chance of getting it.

The bar might protest and some gaugers might object, but we would get what the Judge and Mr. Mills regard as indispensable, and what all patriotic Macon county republicans would hail with profound satisfaction. Let's be honest.

B. JUST.

A FEW FORMAL ORDERS

Were Entered in the Circuit Court Yesterday—New Suit.

In the circuit court Wednesday the business was of a formal nature and was confined to motions.

There was filed in the clerk's office a suit to quiet a title, Andrew Kremling being the plaintiff against the unknown heirs of Mary Kremling. This suit is a formality necessary to clear a slight cloud on the title to lot 5 in block 14 in Carver's addition to Decatur.

The orders entered in the circuit court during the brief session were as follows:

Law.

The Devoe & Reynolds Co. vs. C. M. Barnett, trespass on the case on promises. Continued.

Superior Oil Co. vs. Joseph Miller; case. Continued by agreement.

Chas G. Vogler vs. Wabash Railroad Co., appellant; appeal. Judgment for plaintiff for $66.75 and costs.

Nelson Chesman Co. vs. W. H. Suffern et al, assumpsit; motion by defendant to vacate judgment.

Dan Dineen vs. T. A. Noel et al, trespass on the case. Motion to file addtional count and for continuance allowed at cost of plaintiff.

P M. Howard vs. T. A. Noel; trespass on the case. Same order.

FOR ASSESSOR.

Henry W. Waggoner Seeks a Renomination By the Republicans.

Today Henry W. Waggoner is announced as a candidate for township assessor subject to the decision of the republican township primaries.

His experience of two years in that office certainly qualifies him for the work if his long residence here and his experience as a business man had not already done that.

Last year the quadrennial assessment of real estate was made and at that time Assessor Waggoner reduced the real estate valuation in the city and township of Decatur $300,000 but the state board of equalization added ten per cent to the assessor's figures.

Another Blaze at Warrensburg.

The cry of fire greeted the ears of the people of Warrensburg about 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon, and it was soon discovered that the dwelling house belonging to Mrs. Tabitha Lehn, and occupied by Jack Lindsay was on fire. The school children, who were at recess saw the smoke rising from the roof, and gave the alarm. A crowd was soon on the scene, and with the aid of a ladder and a few bucketsful of water the fire was put out. As incredible as it may seem, the roof was set on fire by a spark from the chimney. This was the more singular from the fact that the roof was wet from the misty atmosphere, and the day cloudy. The roof ignited six or eight feet from the brick flue. This is the third fire in our village in a space of a little over two weeks to say nothing of a coach on fire on the 9 p. m. train east, Saturday night, which fortunately was saved by prompt action.

Breaking Another Record.

If the collections of the internal revenue office maintain the relative average established so far the collections will be in excess of last year, which was the record year of the office. Last night with the closing of eight fiscal motnhs of the year the rate was thirty-three and one-half millions for the year, while last year's record was but thirty-two and a half millions.

For the month of February the collections amounted to $2,796,726.06, whereas for the same month last year they were $2,483,483.06, showing a gain for the month of $313,242.66.—Peoria Journal.

Many Charters Cancelled.

The charters of 1,000 corporations doing business in Illinois have been cancelled by the secretary of state for failure to comply with the law requiring annual statements. About 200 reports were received Tuesday, but whether they will be recorded is yet to be determined.

Invents a Steering Apparatus.

Edwin Nicholson, son of Supervisor Nicholson of Elkhart, has invented a valuable device for steering ships and vessels on the water. It is a very ingenious device and by its use a vessel can be turned very quickly and in the least possible space. The young man wrote a letter to President Roosevelt explaining his invention and received a courteous acknowledgment of the same, together with some very complimentary references to his inventive genius and mechanical ability.

Will Wed In California.

Invitations have been received in Clinton to the marriage of Miss Nanna Myrtle Scott of Selma, Cal., and Dr. R. B. Spalding of Clinton, on Sunday, March 6, at 1:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents in Selma. On their return to Clinton they will be at home to their friends at the future home on North Quincy street—Clinton Public.

New Land Laws.

Washington, March 2—Senator Dietrich today introduced a bill permitting the leasing of public lands in Nebraska for grazing purposes and increasing from 160 to 640 acres the area of land that can be entered by one person under the homestead law.

Le Suer, Minn., March 2—The county bank, a private institution closed today. Liabilities and assets $95,000 each.

BIG AGGREGATE

Total of the Deeds Filed Was Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

BIG DEALS WERE IN FARM LANDS

Always Sells For More Than One Hundred Dollars Per Acre.

The rush of deeds completing the transfers of real estate is not confined to the first day of March, but generally extends over the first week of the month and this year is no exception to that rule. Wednesday deeds aggregating a total of over $117,000 were filed for record.

It is noticeable that where quarter sections of farm land in a few years ago changed hands for $100 or less per acre, the total in a deal of that kind now amounts to $20,000 or more The list of the deeds filed yesterday was as follows:

Wm. L. Williams to W. C. Field, the east half of block 9 in Gulick's addition to Decatur; $1,000.

Henrietta Hernly to Chas. H. Faith and Victor Dewein, the east half of section 31, township 18, range 2 east, except 108.50 off of the north end of the east half of said section; $1.

Chas. H. Faith et al to Alfred Christison, same land, being 208.57 acres; $21,899.

Benjamin A. Cherry to G. W. Elliott, a tract in the south half of section 19, township 15, range 1 east; $4,400.

Lucy J Cannon to Benjamin A. Cherry, lots 5 and 6 in the south half of section 19, township 15, range 1 east; $1.

George Danery to Benjamin A. Cherry, three acres in the southeast quarter of section 19, township 15, range 1 east; $1.

Jeanette B. Crea to Homer R. Crawford, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 8, township 14, range 1 east, $8,800.

Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, executors, to G. E. Humphries, he west half of the southeast quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter of section 18, township 16, range 1 east, $1.

James Lichtenberger to Wm. Hanna, the southeast quarter of section 19, township 18, range 3 east; $20,852

R I. Hunt to Joseph M. Murphy, lot 2 in block 1 in Forrest Hill addition to Decatur, $1.

Nettie E. Ackerman to T. B. Jack, lot 2 in block 1 in Kinney's first addition to Decatur; $950.

Thomas Davis to Andrew Daugherty the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the east half of the west half of the southwest quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter in section 32, township 15, range 3 east; $1.

Andrew Daugherty to Isaac L. Hull, the east half of the west half of the southwest quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter and the south east quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, all in section 32, township 15, range 3 east; $22 000

William O. Matthew to J. B. Matthew, lot 1 in block 23 in Blue Mound, $1.

John B. Matthew to W. O. Matthew, the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 18, township 15, range 1 east, except five acres; $1.

Ruleff Long to Lemuel Wikoff, the northeast quarter of the section 17, township 18, range 2 east; $21,000

Peter K Walter to C. W. Stoutenborough, the west half of the southwest quarter of section 10, township 18, range 2 east; $10,000.

Chas. Roggs to B. Alfred Cherry, the southwest quarter of the south-quarter of section 28 and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 16, range 3 east; $4,960.

H. L. Oldham to Cecil M. Jack, lot 8 in block 1 in F. H. Brueck's second addition to Decatur; $10.75.

A Grave Mistake

Hundreds of Thousands of Persons Die Annually from Wrong Treatment.

It is a great mistake to suppose that a physician who devotes most of his time to the treatment of acute diseases and surgical cases can successfully treat chronic and lingering diseases. An acute disease is self limited and tends to recover quickly, while a chronic disorder lingers along indefinitely or until the cause, which is deep seated or constitutional, is removed.

The two classes of diseases differ as widely as dentistry differs from surgery; or as the treatment of the eye differs from that of the heart or nerves.

The successful treatment of chronic or lingering diseases of the lungs, heart, stomach, liver, kidneys, etc, requires a specialist fully as much as the diseases of the eye, ears, or skin.

Franklin Miles, M. D. LL. B, has made constitutional or chronic diseases a specialty for a quarter of a century and most of the time has had from twenty-five to sixty assistants who are constantly aiding him in his medical researches, in colaborating new medical and pathological facts, in perfecting the different forms of treatment by a wonderfully new and advanced system of medical statistics.

The doctor has careful and complete records of over 150,000 cases, at his Grand Dispensary. This vast experience is of untold value in the treatment of this class of diseases.

If you are sick do not fail to send postal at once for one of his free books on

Heart Disease, Chronic Diseases.
Diseases of the Stomach.
Neuropathy or Nervous Diseases.
Diseases of the Bladder and Kidneys.
Epilepsy.

If after reading his book, you desire him to send you a $3.75 trial treatment free, especially for your case, that you may test his skill before paying for the medicine, the Doctor will do so with pleasure. Address Dr. Franklin L. Miles, the Grand Block, 505-515 Main St., Elkhart, Ind.

Please mention this paper.

Housewarming at Ramsey.

Mrs. Sadie B. Morrison of Ramsey gave a housewarming yesterday afternoon and evening at her home in that city to her friends. Mrs. Morrison's new residence has just been finished and is one of the handsomest in that city. The old folk were entertained from 2 until 4 o'clock during the afternoon and the young people's inning came from 8 o'clock until they were ready to go. Several Decatur people received invitations to attend the warming.

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AN OPEN LETTER

From W L Shellabarger Regarding His Father's Campaign for Congress.

MACON COUNTY'S POSITION

As to Candidates for Governor is Discussed by Writer.

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A in your most recent edi- most elaborate of them, you theory that all the re- the county are for his that the supporters of just as loyal to him of Mr Hamlin, that can be done in this city to promote his interests, between the two rival Warner and Hamlin, can the result of that have no influence upon for congress, that polit- are worthless that Hamlin in the event to get the nomina- would seek the for congress and that have any influence in the results of the con- convention In a word is nothing to look to or depend chance and that there for us to do, but wait. I to know what is the wise in this confusion of polit- wisdom

I say here and now that I respect and admiration for Warner and Mr Hamlin. both statesmen of ability of high character Either make a most excellent candi- governor that the people would honor and respect to the high office of gov- There is or could be, but between them, and to of this county it can make difference which should re- nomination They are both of the district and in ad- counties to our own There specially peculiar to either, out for special favor for citizens of this county, or to jus- effort being made special favor the one above in our approaching county in the selection of del- the state convention, except such action might affect in securing this congres- nomination

I do not claim to be a politician, or know the fine points of the game, but I have made some observations observed the political ac- parties and political leaders have been situated as we now who had the candidacy of favorite son to promote or some nomination that was de- promote some local interest, which I have drawn certain

In the first place I observe is a principle that is appealed to in political than in most any other affair Combinations are made and are divided between the of the dominant faction. The of the losing faction receive consideration, and never is an important office or nomination giv- followers of a losing faction

I also note that where a has a candidate that it desires to an important office, it commit itself to a non-resi- dent candidate to another important until it can be learned what ef- such committal will have upon the of its own favorite son. an alliance or combina- tion can be made to assure the se- the nomination of the home it is made but until that care is taken not to or burn the ammunition which you hope to use in order to win your own candidate is now being followed by in the state that has a candidate for an important of-

If these simple principles are to be followed in our situa- political wisdom is to be ex- if effective efforts are to secure this nomination, if to make a winning fight, and in earnest united, and and not in blind for- should at least not violate fundamental and first prin- common sense and political we should make every that will promote the interest of the local candidate. In the present situation while all is not there are certain things that should be done and if done would promote the interest of our can- for congress First, the con- gressional convention should be held to the state convention. If is generally understood, Col. Warner will be a candidate for con- gress in the event he is not nominat- for governor and if, as you sug- the chances are ten to one that of them would accept the in case his gubernatorial as- are not realized," suggesting Hamlin also will be a candidate not nominated for governor, now by the congressional convention before the state convention, at least candidate for congress would be out of the race and our chances for the nomination would be greatly in- and again, we would be able to then determine in advance the part by both Warner and Hamlin in fixing the results in the congressional convention and would be able to de- termine which had been our friend in securing for us the nomination, or which either, had caused our de- feat

As I understand, Mr. Roby, the accredited leader of the Warner element of the county, is chairman of the congressional committee and has in his power the calling of that convention, at least the calling of the committee together to fix the time of that convention. If he shall fail or refuse to exercise his power in the interest of the candidacy of our candidate for congress, it will be apparent he is using this power to promote the interest of a non-resident candidate either for governor or for congress.

Second. Our county conventoin should not send an instructed delegation to the state convention, nor should this county express its preference for these rival candidates for governor, until we learn what aid if any they will give us in securing the nomination of our candidate for congress, but when it is fully determined that the one or the other has not only the ability but also the willingness to stand for us, give him in return loyal support for the honor and position he seeks

Third. Our county convention should be organized in the interest of our candidate for congress and both the state and congressional delegation should be selected with that end in view

Until we certainly know what faction will control the congressional convention and the disposition of its leaders toward Macon county and its candidate for congress, it would be the height of folly to commit ourselves to either of these rival candidates, to do so would violate every principle of political conduct and would in all probability lose for us every possible chance of securing this congressional nomination.

I am under no pledge or obligation to either of these gentlemen, Mr Hamlin has made me no further pledge than that he is not nor will be a candidate himself for congress, and that he is under no personal pledge to any other county or candidate for congress, and that should Macon favor him for governor he would personally be under great obligations to our county and that it would receive at his hands fair treatment in the congressional convention

As my father has largely placed his candidacy in my hands not being able to be here for the present owing to the condition of my mother's health I desire to thank all for their kind words and proffered assistance. I wish the earnest support of all without regard to the candidacy of non-resident candidates for governor and other offices, and I ask that earnest united and wise counsel and action asked for by him in his public announcement of his candidacy, and I feel if he receives it, the nomination is reasonably assured.

W L. SHELLABARGER.

ELECTION IN COMPANY H

Will Be Held On Monday, March 14th, To Name a Captain.

C. P. SUMMERS A CANDIDATE.

An election for captain in Company H has been ordered by the adjutant general for March 14 The order was received by C P Summers as first lieutenant and acting commander of the company.

At a recent election Louis Chandler was by the company elected captain, but it was stated at the time that he would not qualify and now another election has been ordered Lieutenant Summers will be a candidate for captain and Elmer Smick, now second lieutenant will be a candidate for first lieutenant

Other Elections.

The elections ordered for the Fifth regiment are as follows

In Company E of Delavan, on Saturday, March 12, for captain, Major James F. Watkins, presiding. In Company H, of Decatur on Monday March 14, for captain Colonel Frank P Wells presiding In Company I, Jacksonville, on Monday, March 14, for second lieutenant, Captain W. R James presiding In Company M of Canton, on Monday, March 14, for second lieutenant, Captain Fred R. Beebe presiding

Inspection.

Next Friday night the members of Company H will be inspected by a regular United States army officer, Capt. Evans, from Jefferson barracks Last night the men were put through a special drill and they will be drilled again tonight so that they will be in good shape for the inspection The new uniforms will be issued to the men and it is thought that they will make a good showing and pass favorable inspection.

A Change of Plans.

Rev S. H. Bowyer is to leave for his trip to the Orient some days earlier than he had planned Mr. Bowyer sails from New York on a boat leaving next Tuesday at 3 p m and will leave Decatur next Friday morning He had planned to leave Decatur at midnight on Sunday night. However it is not safe at this season of the year to plan on close railroad connections when one must be at a certain place at a given time. It has been greatly wished by his church and by himself that his last service with his church before going might be the regular communion service of the church which comes next Sunday morning This, however, necessitated Sunday traveling which Mr. Bowyer was very loth to do, feeling that nothing except the necessity would justify such a course. After several conferences and the discussion of numerous plans Mr. Bowyer has asked the church to have the communion service on Wednesday evening, following a baptismal service It is rather a departure in church affairs to have a communion service in the evening, but it is done at Mr Bowyer's request so that he may himself enjoy this last service with his people and yet reach New York without the necessity of Sunday traveling to reach his boat.

The service this evening is then to be Mr Bowyer's last service. There are some candidates to be baptized and the meeting will doubtless be an interesting one.

TOOK THE VAIL HOUSE.

H. L. Oldham Has Leased a Home for Term of Years.

H. L. Oldham has taken a lease for a term of years on the Judge Vail residence on West Decatur street which is now owned by Mrs Eli Brenneman Mr. Oldham and his mother will reside in the house.

Mr Oldham has sold the house at the corner of Wood and Pine streets in which he has been residing to J. M. Huff. The house will be removed and Luther Martin, who owns the lot will build a residence on it.

Beginning Early.

In the country the first of March is moving day. Ordinarily in the city that all important event, if it must come, is dated for May 1. This year there is no waiting for any particular date. The people move any old time that they can get a house and the men in the moving business say that they have at present all of the work that they can do,

REV. ROTH TALKS.

About the Requirements of the Civil Service Commission.

Rev. John D. Roth, who for two years was connected with the Census Bureau, Manufacturing division, delivered a talk to the second and fourth hour American History class, taught by Professor Hansen

To get on the Census Bureau, Rev. Roth said the person wanting the position had to take a civil service examination. To do this he sent in an endorsed application to the commission, who in turn sent him blanks to fill out and gave him his choice of the place of examination, which usually takes place in the larger cities. The examinations consist of a test in spelling, writing, arithmetic, United States history, etc A grade of 75 or 80 enable one to carry it, and be put on the list of "eligibles" as they are called Those receiving low grades are liable never to hear of it again, but those who passed satisfactorily, in the course of time get a notice to report for duty in Washington. If the person does not get satisfactory grades his only hope is to get his senator or congressman to help him along In fact, the congressmen and the senators have to back him all through the course of work

In order to gather the information, the clerks of the manufacturing division were divided into departments The first were detailed to get the names of all the manufacturers in the United States. To do this city directories from every town and city and mercantile agencies were employed They got every manufacturer, whether it was a firm turning out several hundred thousand dollars worth of finished products a year, or whether it was a woman who made twenty dollars worth of carpet or a cobbler who mended five to ten dollars worth of shoes in a year In order to get every industry the country was divided into small sections and each set of clerks and their "chief" looked after this section and covered it thoroughtly

When the names were secured the next step was to send a blank to be filled out to each manufacturer. Many times these came back with only a part of the questions properly answered In important manufacturies, the reports were sent back, and the unimportant were filled out by a force of clerks employed for that purpose. The completed schedules were next sent to another department to be "edited" as it was termed, which is to see that they harmonize with the rules regulating the filling out of the reports

After this the real work began Items from these reports were gathered on one of more big sheets in a way to get everything in its proper column. After doing this the next thing was to add the columns, which was partly done by adding machines, and partly by expert adders. The work went to several different clerks to be added, after which the final result went to one or two verifiers The correct results were recorded on another sheet which took in more of the same kind of reports which in turn were added up until the final figures were obtained

At the beginning of the work from 32 000 to 35 000 clerks were employed. These stayed about six months, when they were thinned down to 2000 In a year or so there were six or eight hundred left and now the number is much smaller Mr. Roth had samples of the different sheets and schedules, and also photographs of the departments

After Mr. Roth's talk Prof. Hansen, who was a census enumerator at the same time (1900) made a talk on his line of the work He said that he had just come home from college and he and his brother secured positions as enumerators. Their father helped them to secure these places by his influence on their representatives Prof Hansen and his brother wanted the position for the change and they liked it very well on account of the interesting work Some people were not very willing to give the desired information, especially the foreigners. Prof Hansen had the community where he lived to canvass All of the people had to indicate whether or not they had a mortgage on their house and other statistics not pleasant to them.

They sent these reports to the Population Department at Washington who indicated the reports in their final schedule. In this way the population department carried out its work.

Other D. H. S. Notes.

Miss Clark is thinking of getting up a gallery party to go to "Lohengrin" when it comes, to give the music students a chance to see a grand opera. Miss Clark played the Lohengrin wedding march for the upper classmen's singing class in order to familiarize them with it.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

New Neighbors—The degree team of Golden Crown Camp, R. N. of A, conferred the work upon a number of candidates last night at Bay Leaf camp The team is under Capt. Jesse Dowell.

Baby Elks—The special dispensation which the Elks had for receiving members at reduced rates went out of effect last night. The dispensation held good for sixty days and during this time about 125 applications have been received.

To Effingham—Major F. O Damrow of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., went to Effingham yesterday to inspect the rank in that city last night.

Golden Wedding—Invitations have been sent out for the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D N. Tabor which will take place Thursday evening, March 3 at the Christian tabernacle.

From Quincy—W. A. Bixby came from Quincy last night to go with the Decatur party to Danville and Champaign today to inspect the interurban road.

Died at Hospital.

Mark Judy of Springfield died yesterday morning about 4 o'clock at the Wabash hospital, death being caused by typhoid fever followed by peritonitis. He had been at the hospital a couple of days over a week. The body was taken to the home of P. T. Judy, the Wabash engineer, on East Eldorado street.

A Brief Visit.

Louis Kuhner left last night for Davenport, Iowa, after a visit of several days in Decatur. Years ago Mr. Kuhner was famous as the inventor of incubators. He would design and put on the market an incubator that apparently left no room for improvement but as soon as he had sold his rights he would make a better one and then sell that. He says that he has now abandoned the incubator business.

Bank Consolidated.

Springfield, Ill., March 1—The First National and Exchange Banks of Stonington, consolidated today under the name of the First National Bank.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED

By Vaccination But Refused and Now Has Smallpox.

MRS. VAN NEST IS THE VICTIM

Some people think that it is folly to be vaccinated but the physicians think that it is the greater folly not to be. An instance of that was shown yesterday when Mrs. L. T Van Ness was taken to the contagious hospital suffering with smallpox.

On the fifth day of February L. T Van Ness was taken to the Wabash hospital and on the tenth he was sent to the contagious hospital with the smallpox Van Ness was one of the men who did not believe in vaccination and would not allow it among the members of his family. Mrs. Van Ness had been exposed to the smallpox and when she was at the hospital one day both Dr Fitzpatrick and Dr. Parrish advised her to be vaccinated. She would not hear to it and the result is that she is now at the hospital with her husband.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Andrew Garver died Monday evening in Cerro Gordo where she has made her home for a number of years She was the widow of Andrew M Garver and was well known about here No children survive her. Mrs Garver was 68 years of age.

The funeral will be held this afternoon from the Methodist church in Cerro Gordo at 1 o'clock.

Mitchell.

Mae wife of A. G. Mitchell, died at the family residence, 459 East Bradford street Tuesday night at 8 o'clock after a long illness of lung trouble. Last fall in the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial she went to New Mexico but that change did not seem to benefit her any After her return home she seemed for a time to improve some and her friends had hope that she would be able to rally but that hope was in vain. She was 29 years old.

In addition to her husband she is survived by three children and her father, J. H. Price, of Springfield, and her brother, L F. Price, of Decatur

The time of the funeral has not yet been determined.

DESTITUTE BOY.

Taken in Charge Last Night by the Police and Mother Held.

Harry Elison, aged about six or seven years, was taken in charge by the police last night The boy is the son of Nina Elison and the woman has not cared for him The mother was arrested and was charged with being a lewd character and will be held until the boy's case is disposed of today in the county court.

The child will probably be sent to a home in Peoria as there is no one to care for him He spent the night in the county jail.

May R For Alderman.

There is some talk among the politicians in the seventh ward of running Julius Maienthal for alderman in that ward on the republican ticket. Alderman Payne's term will expire and Mr Maienthal's friends want him to make a race for the nomination, If he secures that his election is assured. Mr Maienthal has not yet, however, formally announced himself as a candidate for the nomination.

SPOTTED THE POLICEMEN.

New York Detectives Say Chicago Patrolmen are Lazy and Inefficient.

Chicago, March 1—A solution of the crime problem in Chicago that will furnish data concerning men supposed to be the bone and sinew of crime-preventing forces in the city, will be offered in a few days, when a report concerning the work of 93 patrolmen, who have been under surveillance by three New York detectives will be submitted to a reform organization by which they were employed The last report will show a startling condition of demoralization, and will reveal laziness, loafing and saloon-haunting where the highest efficiency and fidelity to duty are supposed to exist.

The detectives will show in their report that only four out of ninety-three patrolmen traveled their beats conscientiously, while the remainder considered it a night's work to "pull the box" once an hour in order to save themselves from a reprimand at the station and then seek a comfortable place in a nearby saloon.

LIVES WITHOUT SLEEP.

Trenton Hostler Has Not Closed His Eyes for Ten Years.

Trenton, N. J, March 1—Albert Herpin, a hostler for J. W. Phares, a politician, declares he has not slept in ten years He is in the best of health and works hard every day. Physicians to whom he has gone for treatment say his trouble is due to a breakdown of the nervous system They have been unable to help him, Herpin says he first began to lose sleep twenty years ago He remained up for several weeks to help care for his sick baby. The death of his wife a few years later aggravated his trouble. For the last ten years he has not slept at all. He goes to bed regularly each night and says he arises each morning thoroughly refreshed.

FUNERAL AT LONG CREEK.

Remains of Henry Davis Laid to Rest Tuesday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Henry Davis, the young man who died at Normal, was held at noon Tuesday from the Long Creek Methodist church. Mr. Davis formerly lived in that neighborhood and was a school teacher and had many friends and the attendance at the funeral was large.

The services were conducted by Rev Theobold and Rev. Greer, both of Decatur, and the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Plowman of Petersburg and formerly pastor of the Long Creek church.

The music was by a quartet composed of Mrs. Elsie Greenfield, Mrs. Electa Heaton, George McDonald and Alva Davis Miss Mabel Baker was at the organ.

The burial was at the Long Creek cemetery and the pallbearers were Ernest Fletcher, James Rucker, D. Underwood, Carl Corman, W. A. Fulk and Barton Wright.

From Kentucky.

Every spring there is an influx of young men from Kentucky. They come here to work on farms and return home after the corn crop has been cribbed. The men who handle the baggage at the railroad stations say that the first of the Kentuckians are on the ground ready for the season's work.

Assault Is Charged.

Dick Cotrell and wife were arrested Tuesday on a capias issued from the county court. They are charged with assault and battery and were confined in the county jail. It is alleged that they assaulted a colored woman.

RAILROAD NEWS

Legislation Suggested To Enforce the Construction of More Stable Cars for Passenger Service.

HEAVY EXCURSION BUSINESS.

Anti-Pass Agreement—Slated for the Wabash—Local Personals.

In the New York legislature Senator Downing has prepared a bill requiring sleeping cars to be constructed entirely of steel and to be fireproof and non-telescoping On Jan. 6 Mr. Tawney submitted a resolution in the house of representatives in Washington relating to the condemnation of old postal cars. This resolution states that the loss of life by postal clerks in railway service is due to defective cars and the continuance in use of such cars after same are no longer suitable and safe for further service. The resolution provides that the railroads shall furnish to the house of representatives the numbers of all postal cars for which the post office department is paying rental, in addition to the amount paid for carrying mail, also the name of the road and the time of service of each car from the date of its original construction.

Under the supervision of the interstate commerce commission a bill is being prepared whose object is to compel railroads to build stronger passenger equipment. It will provide that such cars shall be constructed with steel sills and platforms, and such construction as will be in accordance with good engineering, and will not be unnecessarily expensive. It also provides that after the passage of the measure all passenger cars must be constructed in accordance with the standard requirements, and it is intended to place the enforcement of the bill in charge of the interstate commerce commission. The contrast between the strength of coaches and sleeping cars is pointed out, and it is the apparent intention and desire to have adopted such plans as will make coaches equivalent in strength to sleeping cars.

The American railway association has been requested to co-operate in the movement and submit plans which will be practical from a railroad standpoint and such as will provide greater safety without imposing excessive weight and cost.

Homeseekers' Rates.

All of the railroads gave excursion rates yesterday to points in the west and south and the business resulting in this section was gratifying. There was no rush to any particular point. The excursionists scattered all over the south and west, some going as far northwest as Oregon. Wabash train 11 had an extra car out of Chicago and a second extra car was added to that train when it left this city. Train No 9 on that road had an extra car out of Decatur to accommodate the increased business The increase in traffic on the Illinois Central was in the same proportion.

Pass Agreement.

The executive committee of the western pass agreement on Monday met and arranged to prevent the issuance of free transportation to persons not entitled to the privilege. The principal discussion was in regard to issuing annual and other passes to officers of so-called industrial roads. It was said that most of these lines are on side tracks to industries, and that the issuing of passes is in the nature of a rebate and in violation of the section of the interstate commerce law The agreement also prohibits the issue of passes to influence traffic, but the rule is not observed, and it was said that more free transportation of this kind now is out than last year. It was decided that officials of no line of less than fifty miles should receive annual or trip passes unless it is a connecting link between standard roads.

Slated for the Wabash.

It is stated that J. M Wallin, formerly general superintendent of the Pennsylvania at Altoona, will enter the service of the Wabash He resigned about a year ago on account of ill health and has spent most of his time since on a farm. He is considered one of the ablest products of the Pennsylvania system, and is so improved in health that he is seriously considering taking the office.—Indianapolis Journal.

Erie May Drop Pullman Cars.

It is stated that the passenger department of the Erie is considering favorably a plan which, if put in force, will equip the road with its own sleeping and parlor cars. It is claimed that for the last year the Pullman cars that have been furnished the Erie have not been up to the expectations of the passenger officials, who were aiming to equip the road with the best rolling stock obtainable. The Pennsylvania owns a large proportion of its sleeping cars, as does the Union Pacific and the New York, New Haven & Hartford road. President Underwood, of the Erie, is said to look with favor on the plan, which he expects will improve the service and give the Erie the same advantage of the other roads in operating its own sleeping and passenger cars. All railroad men say there has been a scarcity of Pullman cars in the last year. Pullman men say they have difficulty in supplying the kind of cars sought, and many have been rebuilt and put into service in the last few months.

Gorged Again.

Yesterday word was received from Toledo that the mouth of the Maumee river was again gorged with ice and that the rising waters had driven the employes from the Wabash freight houses. There are a number of freight houses on the same low ground and of course they shared the fate of the Wabash house This is the second time since January 1 that the gorging of ice in that river has caused the Toledo freight houses to be temporarily abandoned When an effort was made with dynamite to dislodge the first gorge it was found to be thirty feet thick.

The Pennsylvania Report.

The annual report of the Pennsylvania company just issued presents some enormous totals. In addition to gross earnings, amounting to $122,626,419, the directors and President Cassatt had at their disposal, realized from the sale of new stock, $17,362,550. The report shows that, after payment of operating expenses, rentals and interest on bonds there was left a net income of $27,506,507. To this can be added $17,362,550, which was realized as profit by the sale of stock, making the real income $44,869,057. During the year there were disbursed in dividends $14,092,931, an increase of $2,530,440 over 1902, there were utilized for extraordinary expenditures for improvements of property $21,835,277, an increase of $9,935,277 over 1902. The cost per ton mileage is the lowest in the experience of the road, having been less than three and a half mills.

M'HOSE-BEADLES WEDDING

Quiet Marriage Ceremony at the Home of the Bride's Mother Tuesday Night.

WELL KNOWN DECATUR COUPLE

Miss Grace Beadles and Harry W. McHose were quietly married last night at the home of the bride's mother, 865 West Eldorado street. The ceremony was performed at 7:45 o'clock by Rev J. W. VanCleve of the Grace Methodist church in the presence of about fifteen of the immediate relatives of the couple. The full Methodist ring wedding ceremony was used. At the close of the ceremony a luncheon was served.

Charles McHose, a brother of the groom, and Thomas Yoder both of Chicago, were present at the wedding and also Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Beadles of Moweaqua.

Mr. and Mrs. McHose will live with the bride's mother at 865 West Eldorado street where they will be at home to their friends.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McHose are members of the Grace Methodist church and are prominent in the church work. Mr. McHose is the president of the Epworth League and Mrs. McHose is one of the vice presidents. Mrs. McHose is also the contralto in the church choir.

Mr McHose is quite prominent in a business way in the city. He is the owner of the Busy Bee bakery on North Main street and has a host of friends.

THE SMOOT CASE.

Will be Commenced Today—The Public May Attend.

Washington, March 1—Because of the absence of A. S. Worthington, principal counsel for the defense, and of the non-arrival of witnesses summoned from Utah the Smoot investigation which was to have begun this morning before the senate committee on privileges and elections, was postponed until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The chairman of the committee said it was the desire of the committee that meetings should be held daily until a conclusion had been reached. They will be public.

All of the counsel on both sides were present and ready except Mr. Worthington. He will be here tomorrow, as will also the witnesses. Many women representing reform organizations were present.

KAISER'S SOUTHERN TRIP.

Will Leave March 12 and Take Cruise in the Mediterranean.

Berlin, March 1—It is learned the kaiser will leave Bremerhaven on March 12 for his trip through the south to regain his health.. He will sail on the steamer Koenig Albert, which will take him to Antwerp. The emperor will proceed to Brussels, returning the visit of King Leopold Returning to Antwerp, the kaiser will again embark, proceed to Gibraltar, thence to Port Mahon, and then to Naples. At the latter place, he will board the royal yacht Hohenzollern, which will await him there and will go for a long cruise through the Mediterranean.

THE REBELS IN SAN DOMINGO.

Seeking to Force the United States to Intervene.

New York, March 1—General Francisco Leonte Vasquez, formerly Dominican consul here, and brother of former President Horacio Vasquez of San Domingo, asserts he has documentary proof that the Jiminez revolutionists are deliberately making war upon Americans in the island in order that the United States may be moved to interfere and assume a protectorate over the country Vasquez asserts this policy of the revolutionists explains the killing of the machinist, Johnston, of the United States gunboat Yankee, and the firing on the Clyde steamer, New York, by the revolutionists.

Railroad Reduces Shop Force.

Lincoln, Neb., March 1—One hundred workmen were laid off in the Plattsmouth shops of the Burlington company today, and proportionate reductions were made in the shops at Wymore, McCook and Alliance. For the men remaining hours of labor will be reduced.

German Syndicate.

Berlin, March 1—The German steel syndicate has finally been organized. The syndicate includes twenty-eight of the largest concerns in the country. The smaller manufacturers, whose output ranges from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 tons annually, are excluded.

Sherman Sails.

San Francisco, March 1—The transport Sherman sailed today for the Philippines, via Honolulu. She carried the Twelfth Infantry, 400 infantrymen and 100 cavalry recruits, besides a large number of officers as passengers. In her hold were 1,500 tons of army supplies..

HAD CLOSE CALL

Prompt Action Probably Saved Mrs. Thomas Boyle From An Awful Fate Monday Night.

HER CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE.

Her Husband Smothered the Flames With a Tablecloth.

Mrs. Thomas Boyle, the wife of the well known Wabash engineer, had an exciting experience Monday night at her home. After she had partially disrobed she went to the kitchen which is quite apart from the balance of the house. She had put on a long, loose wrapper of outing flannel. In the kitchen she lighted a match and the nap of the gown she wore was accidentally ignited, and in an instant the wrapper was ablaze.

In her flight, without any attempt to extinguish the flames, she ran into the dining room where she met her husband. Hearing her cries he had started to the kitchen. With an utter disregard for the dishes that happened to be on the table he seized the tablecloth and wrapped it about his wife and succeeded in smothering the fire before any considerable damage had been done.

The experience, however, completely unnerved Mrs. Boyle. It had, before it was at an end, not a little effect on Mr. Boyle. He can walk only with the aid of a cane, having not yet recovered from the effects of a jump from his engine several weeks ago when his ankle was dislocated. When he heard his wife's screams he forgot all about his ankle and moved rapidly. Yesterday when hobbling about with a cane he was unable to explain how he had been able to move as he did the night before.

WHEAT IMPROVING.

Weather Bureau Finds Condition Poor.

The temperature for the month was considerably below normal. The average daily deficiency was about 6 degrees. Low maxima rather than low minima was the charasteristic. The month opened cold with minima below zero in the central and northern sections Except in the extreme southern portion, freezing temperatures and lower were recorded mostly during the entire month.

Precipitation was deficient. It fell mostly in the form of snow or sleet. The ground was well covered, little thawing ensuing owing to low temperatures, until the latter part of the month, when a general thaw occurred, and the ground was practically bare in the central and southern districts at the end of the month.

The general condition of wheat is unpromising. The plant entered winter under unfavorable conditions, and development has been almost entirely suspended on account of rigorous weather. Some fields are reported to be badly damaged, others winter-killed. Where the plant has been covered with snow only conjecture is offered with regard to present condition. While many favorable reports have been received, a considerable majority report adversely.

Much damp, soft corn remains in the hand of farmers, and opinion is freely expressed that considerable damage will ensue when the weather moderates. Cars are scarce for moving the grain, and in some instances it is spoiling in elevators. A matter of concern in many localities is vital seed for planting. Much of the grain was immature before garnering, and experiment has shown that reliable seed will not be plentiful.

Meadows and pastures are well preserved in the northern district, and in portions of the central district, but the outlook is not promising in the southern tier of counties. In the latter locality young clover and timothy have been injured by alternate freezing and thawing, and some old meadows have been killed out.

Apple buds are believed to be unscathed, but all reports indicate serious damage to peaches.

Stock has wintered well, but feed is becoming scarce in some localities.

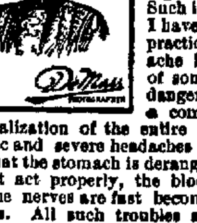
WM. G. BURNS,
Section Director.

Guess On Odell's Mission.

Albany, N. Y., March 1—President Roosevelt has summoned Governor Odell to Washington and the inference placed upon the summons tonight by those well informed is that the president intends to ask Odell to accept the chairmanship of the national committee. The governor will go to Washington next Friday.

Reject Carnegie's Offer.

Detroit, March 1—By a vote of 15 to 17 the council tonight rejected Andrew Carnegie's offer of $750,000 for a central and branch public library building.



Frightful Headaches Cured.

One of My Many Experiences with Such a Distressing Malady.

Too many disregard a headache. I find that many of my patients who suffer continually from such pains seem to think that it is nothing very serious. Such is not the case. I have found in my practice that headache is a symptom of something really dangerous. It shows a complete case of demoralization of the entire body. Where chronic and severe headaches exist you will find that the stomach is deranged, the bowels do not act properly, the blood is impure, and the nerves are fast becoming complete wrecks. All such troubles are serious, if neglected, dangerous; and I am sorry to say too frequently fatal.

I have seen many unfortunates in my time, who have had plenty of warning, but having disregarded same, and refused to take advice of medical men, are today either in their graves, or absolute physical or nervous wrecks. Our insane asylums all over the land are filled with patients who have had plenty of warning of what was coming to them from headaches. I can cure headaches, no matter the cause, for it is what causes the headache that I get right after and endeavor to make well.

I know of nothing better than my valuable prescription, Dr. Kay's Renovator, for the cure of this very painful malady, and the derangements of which it is the symptom. My Dr. Kay's Renovator is, as is now well known, a prescription that I perfected after much study and many years of experiment. The following is one instance showing where my Renovator accomplished great good. It is from Mr. Frank Cozzens, residing at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and reads as follows;

"For many years my wife was troubled with an almost constant headache. Many physicians have treated her, and I have paid out large sums of money to relieve her headache. She began taking Dr. Kay's Renovator and after taking several boxes of the tablets, she is now able to eat anything that she desires without any inconvenience. She has not seen a physician in a year."

What I have done in hundreds of cases, I know and expect to do in thousands more.

My advice to anyone suffering from Headaches, Backaches, Derangements of the Stomach, Kidneys, Liver, Impurities of the Blood, Broken Down Nerves, is to try my Dr. Kay's Renovator. It will cure you surely unless your case is extremely exaggerated and has been too long neglected. You will find it a most excellent tonic and rebuilder.

If your case is an obstinate one I would advise you to write to me, and I will give you the benefit of my experience and advice, and I will also prescribe for you absolutely free.

In the meantime you will be on the safe side by going to the nearest druggist and buying a box of my Dr. Kay's Renovator. It comes in 25 ct., 50 ct. and $1.00 packages. If you cannot procure it I will send it by mail on receipt of price.

All letters addressed to Dr. B. J. Kay, c-o The Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., 24 Clinton St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y., will have prompt attention, and be considered in every way confidential. When you write me I would recommend that you fully describe your symptoms and troubles. It will help me in diagnosing your case and enable me in bringing quicker relief to you

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GOT AN OLD TIMER

Andrew Burns Wanted In Springfield For Embezzling the Price of Eighteen Bushels of Apples.

HE ESCAPED PUNISHMENT HERE

When Accused of Robbing a Wabash Freight Car.

Andrew Burns was arrested Wednesday at the request of the authorities of Sangamon county and held to await the arrival of an officer from Springfield. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Hendricks.

Burns was a caller at the county jail yesterday forenoon to note the improvements that had been made since he was an inmate of that place. That was before it was known that he was wanted and later he was found on the street. He was one time held here more than six months awaiting trial on the charge of burglary and larceny.

One night he walked into the police headquarters carrying several bundles of dress goods. He was drunk and claimed to be a peddler. The police investigated and found that a car in the Wabash yards had been broken into and robbed and the fact developed that the goods carried by Burns had been stolen from that car. Burns told the old story about buying the goods from some man that he had never seen before or since. When his trial was held several months later the jury believed him and he was discharged. After his acquittal he had the nerve to demand the goods which had caused his arrest, but they had been surrendered to the Wabash.

Burns is wanted in Springfield for embezzlement. He was working for a huckster and took out a wagon load of apples which he sold. Then he appropriated the money. When he was arrested all that he had to show for what he had stolen was a pair of shoes and a comfortable jag.

NEARBY TOWNS

LAKE CITY.

Charles Lupton and Miss Stella Miers were married at Decatur last Friday. Mr. Lupton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lupton and a well respected young gentleman. Miss Miers is the only daughter of P. K. Miers, a retired farmer, and she is a fine young lady. The couple will run one of the bride's father's farms, two miles from town.

W. H. Dickson had a sale last Monday consisting of his household goods.

Letch Long came from McLean to get his sister, Nellie, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shuel for some time, and who will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of McLean.

William Johnson loaded his car of goods and started for the northeastern part of Missouri the first of the week.

G. L. Selders purchased the Saffel 80-acre farm, and Brutus Ham will be the tenant.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Redfern, Feb. 29, a girl.

David Doner of Dalton City was on our streets Monday.

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AUSTIN.

Miss Nora Welton was the guest of Mrs. John Trowbridge and daughter, Miss Maude, from Friday evening until Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie Benford went to Decatur Friday evening and remained until Sunday, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Orpha Wallace.

Mrs. David Shaw is slowly recovering.

George Roney and wife returned from Gifford, where they were called by the serious illness of Miss Barnes. Miss Barnes had been ill since before Christmas, but death came Tuesday to relieve her of her suffering. The funeral was held on Thursday.

The grip seems to be keeping a great many Austinites company now.

Miss Gertie Rhodes is suffering with asthma.

Mr. Walters is quite sick at the home of Taylor Rhodes.

J. B. Cornwell and wife and little son, Guy, and C. M. Blue spent Sunday at J. E. Parker's.

George Klinghamer went to Vera Monday for a few days' visit.

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TODDS' POINT.

Joe Perry is now at home in the Morris residence north of the village.

Alva Alward will assist Frank Nuttall in farming this season.

Ed Jones moves into the cottage on the Dawson farm this week and has rented his own place to Isaac Van Winkle, who will occupy it shortly.

On account of the bad roads the Rev. W. Johnson did not come to the Point to preach on Sunday.

On Friday last Mr. and Mrs. Rob Noble of Bethany visited friends here.

Our winter term of school ended on Saturday with a pleasing program by the children and a big treat to every one by the teacher. General approval is expressed on Mr. Francisco's work here.

Ralph Silvers had some sick horses yesterday and called in Dave Perry to prescribe for them.

Preparation for an Easter program will begin next Sunday afternoon at the M. E. hall. All invited to assist.

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MOSQUITO.

Jake Apple is slowly improving.

Mrs. Joe McVey is very poorly at this writing.

Mrs. T. G. Hupp is visiting in Decatur the past week.

Mrs. Jack Bramblo is sick; also Mrs. Mose Morgan.

Dr. Brown was called Friday morning to see Grandpa Hemsteadt, who is very sick.

Miss Carrie Clemence is entertaining her cousin, Gertie Clemence, of Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Petzel, Albert Gemmer were at Decatur Wednesday.

Mrs. Harve Clemence was visiting at Mt. Auburn Wednesday.

William McVey and family were at Blue Mound Saturday.

Dr. Montgomery was called to see Fred Shaley Sunday.

Al Allen's baby is very sick.

Edd Barnett has given up the idea of raising turkeys and sold his stock to Tate Frumm. Whether Tate aims to do the work himself is not known yet, as it takes one of experience to raise turkeys.

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MONTICELLO.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Reed will spend this week with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Winship in Chicago.

Miss Katherine Rawley of Decatur is visiting friends here.

Miss Anna Van Meter of Salt Lake City is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Mansfield.

Miss Ethel Lumsden fell down the stairs at her home a few days ago and injured her knee, compelling her to walk on crutches.

Miss Mary Gossmann went to Chicago Saturday to spend a few days with Mrs. Manfred Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davidson were called to Mt. Zion Sunday on account of illness of Mr. Davidson's mother.

Miss Lois Bond is spending a few days in Ivesdale.

Miss Lenore Pickett of Chicago spent

Judge W. G. Cloyd of Bement was a business visitor Thursday.

Mrs. B. F. Kagey spent Thursday in Decatur.

Mrs. Anna Gale of White Heath visited with Miss Harriet Plunk Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Martha Jamison leaves Monday for a two months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Flo Miller.

The infant son of Judge Shonkwiler, who was born Feb. 10, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gratz in St. Louis Thursday, and was brought here for burial Friday afternoon.

H. L. Timmons was a business visitor to Champaign Thursday.

The Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church held its annual reception at the home of Mrs. W. F. Matson Friday afternoon at 2:30. A short program was rendered and light refreshments were served. There was a full attendance and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Seymour Marquiss spent Thursday in DeLand.

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BEMENT.

H. Martin is suffering with the grip.

Misses Fannie Meginnis and Lowella Bingham were in Decatur Wednesday.

Miss Candace Cloyd was home from the J. M. U. the past week with an attack of throat trouble.

Miss Lina Moery is home from the Northwestern university at Evanston.

Mrs. Emma Peck visited relatives in Decatur the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Holderman of Rantoul is the guest of relatives in Bement.

Elder Givler of Cerro Gordo held a series of meetings at the Christian church the past week.

C. O. Honk arrived home from Washington, D. C., last Wednesday for a two-weeks' sojourn in Bement.

Bernice and Beatrice Venner have been very ill with pneumonia, but are slowly improving.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson and daughter of Ironton, Ohio, are the guests of her sister, Mrs. A. Swenson.

Miss Gertrude Brallier spent Sunday in Cerro Gordo.

Miss Ethel Hampton has been sick the past week with quinsey.

Charles Moore of Findlay spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Q. Bradley and family were in Tolono last Tuesday to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Amy Smith, to Benjamin Hays of Champaign. The groom is a conductor on the Wabash Champaign-Sidney line.

Miss Helen Locklin is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Flo Harden Compton of Chicago came Saturday to see her brother, Ralph, who is very low.

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WARRENSBURG.

Mrs. Addie Barton has been painfully ill for several days.

Percy Minson and wife attended the funeral of his uncle, J. W. McIntosh at Mt. Pulaski on Tuesday.

C. H. Faith and Phil Bauman transacted business in Decatur Tuesday.

Mrs. James Larkin, who has been sick for some time does not seem to improve much.

Will Hammer of the Millikin National bank was in Warrensburg between trains Tuesday morning.

Jim Wharton, our station agent, moved into Mrs. Ruth Boughon's house March 1.

J. O. William's goods came from Kinney by rail on Tuesday afternoon. He will occupy the Randolph property.

H. H. Suttle, owner of the Warrensburg bank was in town the first of the week.

The Modern Woodmen met on Monday night, and initiated two new members. The camp is in a flourishing condition.

Mrs. Mabel Brown who has been indisposed for some days is now much better.

Arthur Corn and family, Jake Schultz and Jim McNeal left for their new homes in Missouri Tuesday morning.

Traffic by wagons is practically suspended by the muddy condition of the roads.

March 2.

FORSYTH.

Saturday afternoon Harry Butt, the 15-year-old son of A. E. Butt, living two and one-half miles northwest of the village was accidentally shot in the hand by Allie Brett, the 9-year-old son of Richard Brett, with a 22-calibre rifle. It seems Harry, in company with his brother Howard and Guy Lenhart, had gone to the Brett place to skate. They had just reached the house and were standing on the porch when there was the report of a gun. Harry turned with the blood running from his head and started for home, a quarter of a mile distant. The boys with him hardly knowing what happened, they were so frightened. Young Brett was inside the window fooling with the gun (the rest of the family being absent) and didn't know it was loaded. Just in fun he pointed it out the window at the boys and pulled the trigger, the bullet entering a little above and to the left of the left eye, happily taking a downward course. The boy was taken immediately to Dr. Melton at Warrensburg, who was unable to locate the bullet. He is getting along nicely and seems to suffer no serious consequences from the accident as yet.

March 2.

BEARSDALE.

L. Britton's children have the scarlet fever.

Arthur Fox moved northwest of Forsyth Tuesday.

R. W. Park returned from Lincoln Monday where he visited his brother.

Mr. Blazer has moved to the farm north of Bearsdale vacated by Art Fox.

George Lehn and wife visited H. H. Pharis Sunday.

Lou Pharis and Mrs. Fox visited Mrs. John Dilinger Tuesday.

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NIANTIC.

Lawrence Delaney visited his brother, J. S. Delaney, Monday, at St. John's hospital, Springfield. Mr. Delaney is doing well and will probably be brought home in two more weeks. His foot was amputated two weeks ago on account of a fracture of the leg. James Delaney is ill of pneumonia.

Among the sick are Mrs. Mary Lockhart, G. D. Kitch, Mrs. Bridget Doran, Mrs. Florence Phelan, Mrs. R. A. Gilcrest, Miss Mary Palmer, Miss Minnie Grider, William Jones, and many others. Mr. and Mrs. John Cassell, Homer Blankenship and others are convalescent.

Mrs. Linda Jones and family of Pawnee, visited Niantic and Decatur friends last week.

J. P. Faris is home from Louisiana.

Mrs. Emma Diveman and children have moved to Decatur.

Travis Smith and family and John Smith of Decatur, W. H. Smith of Dawson, were all guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Price of Decatur is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Belle Bushby.

Mr. Brennard, who has been very ill at the Marshal home, was taken to the Springfield hospital Monday.

John Smithers is home from Decatur.

Mrs. Ella Danley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Cassell.

Mrs. Jane Kitch has rheumatism in her fingers.

Norman Roberts has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Fiske, near Harristown.

George Ford and wife, of Illiopolis, were guests of R. A. Gilcrest, Walter Pritchett and families.

Central examination will be held here March 29.

Miss Pearl McElroy will return home from Butler college at the close of the winter term.

BLUE MOUND.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Ward and son, Lee, of Rosamond, are visiting B. F. Ward and family.

W. T. Waldron has returned from Ohio.

Miss Maggie Pettus has lung fever.

Oral Morgret has pneumonia.

Mr. Showalter has moved to the Yockey place, vacated by W. R. Payne.

G. F. Murry is able to be out after a severe attack of grip.

Fred and Lee Cline visited friends in Maroa, Macon and Decatur last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Ward of Taylorville visited B. F. Ward on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hartsock were in Taylorville on Monday.

Mr. Gordy of Tuscola died in California and his remains were interred at Grove City Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCaig have gone to Chicago.

Feb. 29.

BOODY.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, Feb. 27, a son.

The infant daughter of Dr. Miller is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Wise and sons, Orville and Everett, returned from Hot Springs Thursday.

Dr. Buxton of Casner was looking after his political interests in our town this week.

It is reported that the Wabash will begin work on its double track here shortly.

Frank Brown has a horse badly cut on the wire. Small hopes are entertained for its recovery.

Quite a number are suffering from la grippe in Boody and vicinity.

March 2.

OREANA.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison and son, Russell, visited over Sunday with the former's parents, J. Strope and wife.

Winfield Evans of Argenta was in town Monday in the interest of the Oreana Monitor.

D. Scott and wife spent Wednesday and Thursday with relatives in Decatur.

Mrs. Coble of Decatur visited friends near Oreana last week.

S. McKinley of Clinton was the guest of friends here Sunday.

J. Strope was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Miss Dot Kirby spent several days last week in Decatur.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of H. Burgess and wife Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, when their daughter, Grace, was united in marriage to Harris Turner. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Amy Rambo, cousin of the bride, and Joe Turner, brother of the groom. The bridal party stood beneath a large arch from which was suspended wedding bells. The wedding march was played by Miss Anna Strope. Rev. J. Barnett of Eureka performed the ceremony in the presence of about eighty-five friends and relatives. The bride is a one of Oreana's most popular young ladies and is an active worker in the Christian church, Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. The groom is a prosperous young farmer and they will reside on a farm near Oreana. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

A number from here attended the State Farmers' Institute in Decatur last week.

Miss Jane Bronn of Argenta was the guest of Mrs. J. Strope Monday.

March 2.

THE WEATHER FOR MARCH.

What the Month Has Shown in the Last Twenty-Four Years.

The following data, covering a period of twenty-four years, has been compiled from the Weather Bureau records of the state. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed during the month in question for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

The mean or normal temperature was 40 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1894, with an average of 47 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1891 and 1894, with an average of 34 degrees. The highest temperature was 84 degrees on the 29th in 1895. The lowest temperature was 2 degrees on the 1st in 1890, and the 4th in 1891. The average date on which the last "killing" frost occurred in spring was May 22.

The precipitation of rain or melted snow average for the month was 3.09 inches. The average number of days with .01 of an inch or more were 11. The greatest monthly precipitation was 6.95 inches in 1898. The least monthly precipitation was 0.17 inches in 1885. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 4.68 inches on the 26th and 27th in 1898. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 5 inches on the 7th in 1884.

The average number of clear days was 8; of partly cloudy days, 11; of cloudy days, 12.

The prevailing winds has been from the northwest. The average hourly velocity of the wind is 11 miles. The highest velocity of the wind was 46 miles from the west on the 27th in 1880.

Death at Shelbyville.

Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Young of Shelbyville, a classmate of Mrs. James G. Blaine, wife of the "Plumbed Knight from Maine," died at her home in Shelbyville Tuesday.

Mrs. Young was the wife of Magistrate B. J. Young and was born at Bardstown, Ky., in 1829. She was educated at a ladies' seminary presided over by Rev. N. L. Rice, the famous theologian, and Mrs. Blaine was a college chum.

Mrs. Young lived in Shelbyville since 1858 and was universally respected.

Racine, Wis., March 2—A downpour of rain tonight flooded the streets. The suburban tracks were covered with water causing much trouble in running trains. Kenosha is also reported flooded.

Monroe, Mich., March 2—The breaking of the ice gorge at midnight saved the city from what threatened to be one of the worst floods in its history.

WILLS PROBATED

Henry Ebert Gave To the Odd Fellows Home and to the Anna B. Millikin Home.

HE HELD GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Will of Mary J. Collins Made Bequest To St. Patrick's.

In the county court yesterday the will of the late Henry Ebert was admitted to probate and in accordance with the provisions of that instrument John Prestley was named as executor.

The decedent made two bequests to charity. During the last two years of his life he was an inmate of the Odd Fellows' Home at Mattoon. He went there because he could find the companionship that he wanted. He was in delicate health and after a visit to the home declared that the conditions there were all that he could desire and sought and obtained admission.

One of his bequests was to that institution, the legacy being $300.

To the Anna B. Millikin Home he gave lot 3 in block 5 of Carver's addition to Decatur.

The balance of the estate is given to John Prestley as trustee and after it has been converted into cash it is to be divided between the brothers of the decedent. One fourth goes to Johannes Ebert living at Fuerth, Bavaria, Germany; one quarter to Leo Ebert and one half to William Ebert, the latter two being residents of Decatur. There is a clause that if any of the beneficiaries bring any claim against the estate or in any way contest the provisions of the will they shall receive nothing.

The estate consists of two life insurance policies, one for $404 and the other for $750, ten paid up shares in the Decatur Loan Association and 3 per cent government bonds of the face value of $2000, and estimated to be worth $2150. The cash in bank was $64, the estate being valued at $4,388.

The testator was for a number of years in business on Prairie street where he conducted a confectionery stand. Five or six years ago failing health compelled him to retire from active business. After spending a season or two in the south he went to Mattoon and made his home.

Will of Mary Collins.

The will of Mary J. Collins was admitted to probate and James O'Mara was named as executor. The estate is valued at $800. To a granddaughter, Gertrude Sandon, is given a gold watch and a diamond ring; to St. Patrick's church $25, and a like sum to Rev. Father Jeremiah Murphy. Of the balance one-third is bequeathed to George N. Sandon and two-thirds to Charles H. Sandon,s sons of the decedent.

THE TELEPLEX INSTALLED

In the Trainmaster's Office of the Big Four at Mattoon.

IT IS A LABOR SAVING DEVICE.

While operators at St. Louis and Indianapolis are telegraphing to each other. Trainmaster G. M. French of the west end of the St. Louis division of the Big Four, and Trainmaster E. M. Costin of the east end in their respective offices at Mattoon and Terre Haute, talk daily to each other by telephone over the same wire, says the Mattoon Star.

Strange to say, the messages by voice and elecricity do not conflict. They go to their respective destinations with the greatest harmony and the wire does double duty.

A magical little instrument styled the teleplex has caused the seeming miracle.

The first circuit of the teleplex was installed in the two trainmasters' offices Monday night, by Superintendent of Telegraph C. S. Rhoades, of Indianapolis.

A test was made and the new method was a complete success. It will be extended to include every large city along the entire route of the Big Four system.

The innovation is the most remarkable one in the wonderful age of railroad expansion and methods of operating them.

The teleplex looks like an ordinary telephone box.

When Mr. French wishes to confer with his colleague, Mr. Costin, at Terre Haute, he does not need to resort to the old laborious method of telegraphing to him.

He simply pushes a little bar on the teleplex and is connected on a telegraph wire which is clicking messages busily, and some one in Mr. Costin's office steps to the phone at the other end. nhe traimasters can talk and not disturb the business going over the wire which they are using.

There is a still more remarkable feature about the teleplex. Should Mr. French desire to send a telegram to Mr. Costin he simply presses another bar, which makes a short circuit. He can then wire to Terre Haute by the Morse code and receive replies with the same facility as when he telephones.

The invention is a great labor saver. It enables the Big Four officials to carry on business which was formerly done by letters and messages.

It also dispenses with the use of extra telegraph operators, and, if the officials desire they can attach teleplex instruments to every wire on their poles.

SCANLAN DEAD.

Man Who Took Morphine Expired Wednesday Morning.

Albert Scanlan, the man with whom the police worked Tuesday night at the court house to save from death from an overdose of morphine, died at St. Mary's hospital yesterday morning at 7 o'clock.

The body was taken to Dawson's undertaking establishment and an inquest was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The coroner's jury decided that the man came to his death by an overdose of morphine. The jury was composed of Dr. J. T. Miller, Dr. W. A. Adams, J. H. Martin, T. Richardson, Amos Imboden and John Drohn.

The funeral will be held today from the residence on South Water street and it will be private.

F. M. Jones.

F. M. Jones died at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of his brother E. O. Jones, in Walnut Grove. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Jones contracted a bad cold while traveling in Oklahoma and it developed into pneumonia.

hTe funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Spring Overcoats

The new Cravenette fabrics of Coverts, Cheviots, Worsteds, in colors of black, Oxford and plaid effects, cut long, with or without belt.

Medium length, light weight Coats, in black, Oxford and light shades.

Top Coats

In Coverts, Worsteds, etc. Plain, light tan and herring bone effects.

The largest stock to select from in this part of the country.

NOBBY SPRING
STIFF AND SOFT HATS.
Black and new shades of brown.

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RELIABLE CLOTHING.

SANTA ANA'S WOODEN LEG

Will Have a Companion Trophy in the Old Catholic Church Bell.

The story of the capture of Gen. Santa Ana's wooden leg by Tazewell county soldiers during the Mexican war has been told before. The Springfield Register has the following concerning another relic that is to come from Pekin:

"General Santa Ana's wooden leg, which ornaments a niche in Memorial hall in the state capitol, is to have a companion. The story of the wooden leg is familiar and is one of the most interesting of exhibits. Its prospective companion is a bell cast in Vallodolid, Spain, and captured a few days before the leg and by the same Illinois soldiers. It was in March, 1846, that Company G, of the Fourth Illinois Infantry, under command of Lieutenant William A. Tinney, father of C. M. Tinney, of this city, jumped from their boats into the surf, and were first to reach the beach in the attack on Vera Cruz. It was a wild crowd, organized in Tazewell county. Beside Lieutenant Tinney, of honored memory, were Sergeants John M. Gill and Samuel Rhoades, and a dozen more who have since been gathered to their fathers. This party captured a bell which swung in the tower over a Vera Cruz cathedral. It was about the size of a locomotive bell, only wider at the mouth and not quite as high. They packed the bell in a hogshead of straw and directed it to Pekin, where it arrived several months later. At that time Pekin had no railroads and its traffic with the outside world was by steamboat. The bell fell into the hands of the captain of the "Prarie State." He needed a bell and mounted it on his boat where it sounded for several years. Then one day, the "Prairie State" got into a race with another river steamer and blew up a little below the Pekin landing. A dozen people were killed and the bell blown off and into the river, where it rested for a couple of years until found by a lot of youngsters "in swimming." The next heard of the bell it was over a little frame Methodist church. After the lapse of several years the congregation built a new and larger church and the bell was sold about 1860, to the St. Joseph's Roman Catholich church parish, which was erecting its first church. Now the Catholics are erecting a handsome church building and the bell will probably be presented to the state by the congregation."

FUNERALS.

Mr. Mitchell.

The funeral of Mrs. Mae Mitchell who died Tuesday night at 10 o'clock at her home, 459 East Bradford street, will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence. Rev. F. B. Jones of the Christian Temple will officiate. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. John McDermott.

The funeral of Mrs. John McDermott was held at 9 o'clock yesterday morning from the Catholic church in Illiopolis, Rev. Father Daw celebrating high mass. Mr. Daw was assisted by Rev. Thomas McGrath of Stonington and Rev. Wm. Quatman of this city. The burial was at Calvary cemetery in Illiopolis.

Frank Moriarity.

The funeral of Frank Moriarty will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from St. Patrick's Catholic church. The interment will be at Calvary.

NOT A CANDIDATE

Mr. Hamlin Would Not Accept Congressional Nomination

Decatur, March 2, 1904.

Editor Herald:—An editorial in your paper indicates that Hon. H. J. Hamlin is a candidate for congress in the event of his failure to be nominated for governor. I am authorized by Mr. Hamlin to say:

He is not a candidate for congress. He would in no event accept a nomination if tendered to him.

He is sincerely and earnestly in favor of Hon. D. S. Shellabarger as a candidate for congress from Macon county. He has no compact or agreement with Mr. Shellabarger or any other candidate for congress in this district.

And on my own responsibility I would be pleased to hear from Mr. Warner to the same effect.

W. C. JOHNS.

VITALITY IS LOW

Much of the Corn Grown in Illinois Last Year is Unfit for Seed.

ALL SEED SHOULD BE TESTED.

Prize Winning Corn is Not Always Fit For Seed.

Albert N. Hume of the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois in response to numerous inquiries as to the vitality of seed corn to be used in Illinois this spring and other inquiries for testing the seed has given out the following:

Many corn growers of the northern two-thirds of Illinois are much concerned about the vitality of seed corn for next year. We do not wish to become unduly alarmed over the situation, but we believe it is well to present some facts at hand, thus calling attention to the necessity of saving the best seed that can be found. Nearly all of the leading seed corn growers and dealers report that there is much corn of low vitality. Some of them are not putting any seed corn on the market at all. Others are selling with a definite statement that its vitality is not perfect. Those who guarantee high vitality are testing practically every year they sell.

H. B. Perry of Stark county, Illinois, the originator and breeder of Golden Eagle, states to us that he does not feel warranted in selling any corn for seed this spring from the crop of 1903.

W. H. Young of Menard county, Illinois stated that while some of his earliest corn tested better than 90 per cent for vitality that from his later crop was testing not much more than 80 per cent.

James L. Reid, the well known corn breeder, complained of the low vitality of some of his crop.

E. E. Chester & Son, Leaming breeders of Champaign county, Illinois, have sold some corn of high germination, but they have been careful in all instances to market the best ears. They state that they find it necessary to discard a great many ears from every bushel which would usually be expected to go for seed.

These statements from the most reliable men only reflect the general feeling concerning the matter in question. Nearly all the corn growers who attended the late Corn Growers' and Stockmen's convention at the University of Illinois were of the belief that seed corn of high vitality is likely to be in great demand. Among this number not mentioned above would be Leigh F. Maxey, H. A. Winter, and Charles Rowe.

We have made a number of tests of seed corn at the University of Illinois within the last five weeks. Some of these samples of corn were sent in by farmers especially for the purpose of having them tested. Some of them were purchased by the university for use in judging work and other purposes. Some of them were from cribs where the corn was well kept, but did not receive any special attention. All of them were from corn which might be expected to make good germination tests.

Out of seven tests of 100 kernels each sent to us from Brown county, and tested by a number of our students, the highest was 97 per cent. The others in order were as follows: 91.6, 86, 81, 79, 79, and 70. The tests reflect no discredit whatever upon the growers. They are as good or better than the average for the present year.

The writer secured a composite sample of corn from Kendall county. This was show corn at the Farmers' Institute in that county, and would perhaps be as high in germination, if not higher, than the average.

Out of four tests made by reliable students we get the following per cents: 87, 82, 82, and 71.

Some corn taken from our own crib at the Experiment Station farm was also tested. The highest per cent of vitality of any sample ear as tested by our students was 90 and the average dozen students was 62. In our class in germination, we find that in general the vitality of seed corn from different parts of the state, and even from the most reliable sources is low.

If, as seems probable, we are compelled to select seed corn for next spring from a crib having a large percentage of frosted ears or of ears which for various reasons will not grow, the question is what can be done to help insure our stand of corn for the coming year? It will hardly do to plant seed on valuable land with a certainty that one-fifth will not grow. The best suggestion the writer has to offer to corn growers is that they make a most careful inspection of corn which they expect to use for seed, whether it be purchased from reliable growers or selected from their own storehouses.

We believe it would be possible for every ear of corn planted in Illinois to be tested for vitality. If an ear does not come to the required standard, it may be possible to discard it, thus reducing the amount of seed which will not grow and materially increasing the stand of our corn crop the coming year. It seems like a heavy task to germinate three kernels of corn from every ear in a bushel, and yet two or three evenings each week for a few weeks on the part of only one person would test enough ears of corn to plant his own crop at least. The kernels could be placed between folds of blotting paper laid in a moist box or moistened between two common dinner plates. It is not very difficult to keep track of the ear from which each set of kernels comes. One kernel would be taken from the butt of the ear, one from the middle and one from the tip. If they all grew, the ear could reasonably be supposed to be good, otherwise it should be discarded.

Doctor C. G. Hopkins of our university suggests the idea to the writer. He is employing it in testing seed corn which he expects to plant on his own farm in southern Illinois. If these men can afford to test every ear of corn they use for seed, the same might at least be worth suggesting to farmers in general who are anxious to know what kind of corn they are going to plant.

MUCH SPORT PROMISED

At the Athletic Championship Games In Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, March 2—Entries for the annual championships in the central association of the A. A. U., meet at exposition building at Milwaukee next Saturday night, were announced tonight. The list is a long one and includes the best athletes in the west. Among the institutions to be represented are the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Athletic Club, Chicago Athletic Association, Central Y. M. C. A. of Chicago, Beloit college and leading schools and academies of the west.

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INSPECT THE INTERURBAN

Decatur Men Were Royally Entertained by McKinley Managers at Danville and Champaign.

[illegible] Decatur men are more [illegible] ever about the ben[illegible] urban railroad. They [illegible] took a trip of about [illegible] day for the purpose [illegible] the McKinley interur[illegible] of the trip was to [illegible] of the Decatur people [illegible] road, such as will run [illegible] in operation, and to [illegible] people of the cities on [illegible] the benefits to be de[illegible] an enterprise. [illegible] men favored inter[illegible] before they left on the [illegible] they returned they [illegible] anxious to see such [illegible] Decatur.

Entertainment Perfect.

[illegible] party went away as [illegible] the McKinley people. [illegible] point of a pleasure [illegible] nothing of the beneficial [illegible] by those who were hon[illegible] invitation. It may be [illegible] Decatur party was never [illegible] so handsomely. [illegible] not a hitch in the whole [illegible]. Not a detail was lack[illegible] absolutely nothing that would [illegible] pleasure and comfort of the [illegible] overlooked.

Conclusions.

The general conclusions of what was [illegible] the Decatur men on the trip as ex[illegible] by them was that the [illegible] McKinley interurban came [illegible] the better it would be for [illegible] further that the men who [illegible] the road are not doing it [illegible]. The properties shown dem[illegible] the fact that the capitalists [illegible] the enterprise are men who are [illegible] to invest their money. They [illegible] bought the best of cars that mon[illegible] buy, have established the best [illegible] they could build and the [illegible] of the interurban now in op[illegible] as near perfect as it is [illegible] make them.

Hosts of the Day.

[illegible] to whom the Decatur party [illegible] for the perfect arrange[illegible] of a pleasant day, two dinner [illegible] and about 150 miles of delight[illegible] travel were the representatives of [illegible] McKinley properties. Merrill L. [illegible] the superintendent of the De[illegible] Railway and Light Company, W. A. [illegible] manager of the properties [illegible] and formerly of Decatur, [illegible] S. W. Johns of the Decatur plant, [illegible] out with the party. At Dan[illegible] Louis E. Fischer, manager of the [illegible] Champaign and Decatur [illegible] was on hand and joined the [illegible]

H. J. Pepper, the general superin[illegible] at Champaign, was responsi[illegible] for the perfection of arrangements [illegible] that city and Michael Connor, the [illegible] of railway, had charge of [illegible] interurban trips out of Danville.

These gentlemen were assisted by [illegible] proprietors of the Hotel Plaza at Danville and the Beardsley House at Champaign and employes of the com[illegible] in making the undertaking a success.

Mr. McKinley himself was not with the party as he has been traveling in [illegible] West Indies on a vacation and will [illegible] return to this country for several days.

TRIP TO DANVILLE.

Was a Pleasant One and Was Made in a Private Car on the Wabash.

The trip from Decatur to Danville was made over the Wabash road. The [illegible] left at 9:04 a. m. and at the station a private car was ready and was attached to the regular train. There were in all just forty-four persons and the coach was comfortably filled.

The entertainment began at once and it was here that S. W. Johns shone as [illegible] Scarcely had the train pulled out of the station until Mr. Johns began to produce boxes of cigars. Those who did not seem inclined to smoke were offered Chicago papers and copies of the Decatur Herald to read.

The only events of this part of the trip were the facts that 135 cigars were consumed and that Alderman Louis Hutting one of the party, toward the close of the trip, came in the car and announced that he had been running the locomotive for the last twenty miles just for amusement.

The first glimpse of the interurban was seen when Catlin, a station near Danville, was passed and the line to that place was pointed out.

THE DECATUR PARTY

Was Composed of Aldermen, Officials and Other Well Known Men.

Those in the party besides the men who were acting as hosts of the occasion were as follows:

Mayor C. F. Shilling, County Clerk J. M. Dodd, City Attorney J. H. Lawton, City Comptroller Frank Robbins, City Clerk Al Leach, City Engineer G. [illegible], Hon. A. J. Gallagher, Hon. J. M. Gray, Aldermen Jerry McNa[illegible] A. Young, Louis Haerting, Robt. I. Hunt, S. L. Payne, Frank Meridith, Will Petke, Edward Frahlman, L. W. Fribourg, G. B. Ashton and B. F. Dillehunt, Col. J. M. Clokey, J. F. Given, I. R. Mills, J. E. McMorris, A. Kaufman, Hans Shlaudeman, Robert Mueller, O. B. Gorin, D. B. Folrath, Charles Lanx, B. Bradley, F. B. Stearns, Supervisor F. G. Allen, Hon. Owen Scott, Postmaster W. F. Calhoun, Attorney I. A. Buckingham, F. B. Tait, Henry Bachrach, Luther Martin, Jerry Donahue of the Review and a Herald representative

RIDE TO GEORGETOWN.

Showed the Big Mining Community Adjacent to Danville.

When the party arrived at Danville there was a walk of a few steps to be taken on the depot platform to an interurban car which was standing on the track waiting for the party. In the car were a number of well known citizens of Danville, among them George Buckingham, one of the most influential politicians of Danville, Gus Greenebaum, a big store proprietor, and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of interurbans, Mr. Hoagland, who is Mr. Fischer's assistant, the city clerk and a number of others. The Danville men were introduced and started with the Decatur party on the trip to Georgetown.

Michael Connor, the supervisor of the railroad at Danville, took charge of the car and the Danville men pointed out what was to be seen.

This particular branch of the road goes from Danville to Georgetown, a distance of twelve miles and passes through Westville which is midway between the two stations. The round trip was made in an hour and a half. There was no effort to make it a fast trip. The car passed through an almost continuous mining settlement extending practically from Danville to Georgetown. It was said that many passengers were taken over this road each day to Danville and that the little towns had doubled in population since the road was established.

THE DINNER PARTY

Given at the Hotel Plaza Was a Handsome Affair—Speeches.

When the party returned to Danville the car stopped in front of the Hotel Plaza and Mr. Fischer announced that a lunch would be served. It proved, however, to be a banquet of the most elaborate kind. Long tables were arranged in the dining room and the Decatur men with the Danville guests numbering about 75 were seated. The tables were beautifully decorated and the menu of the dinner, the service of which was perfect, was as follows:

Blue Points on Half Shell.
Radishes Olives Celery
Bouillon in Cups
Baked Redsnapper with Tartar Sauce
Claret
Braised Sweetbreads with Peas.
Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes Asparagus on Toast
Mumm's Extra Dry
Vanilla Ice Cream Assorted Cake
Coffee Crackers and Cheese
Cigars

Speeches Made.

George Buckingham acted as toastmaster and called first upon W. R. Jewell of Danville who spoke highly in favor of the interurban road and said that he did not know of any other institution that would do a city so much good as an interurban.

Alderman S. W. Dixon of Danville said that the city council of Decatur would do well to let the McKinley interurban have anything they asked for.

Hon. John Dale, the president of the chamber of commerce, talked along the same line and told of his observations.

Mr. Greenebaum, the manager of a big store, told of the benefits of the road to the retail trade. He stated afterward to one of the Decatur men that the interurban had increased the retail business of Danville $600,000 a year.

Mayor Shilling responded for Decatur and thanked the McKinley people for the entertainment given and expressed his favor of the road.

Owen Scott made a speech in which he referred to the interurban as a way of solving the hard road question and said that he looked forward to the time when Danville and Decatur would be linked together by the interurban road.

The toastmaster made a few pleasing remarks and invited the party to leave the dining room and meet at the front of the hotel where a car was waiting.

MADE A FAST TRIP.

Run to Champaign, 33 Miles, Occupied Hour and Fifteen Minutes.

The party boarded one of the big interurban cars in front of the hotel and went to Champaign. The trip was a fast one over a fine road bed running parallel to the tracks of the Big Four. The car was of the style shown in the picture. It is as handsomely finished inside as the best of railway coaches. The seats are leather covered and in front there is an observation and smoking room.

The pleasant feature about riding on the interurban car is the absence of the smoke and dirt. The motorman who operates the car is in one corner inclosed with glass doors.

An interesting feature of the trip was a race with a Big Four freight train, the interurban car easily overtaking and passing the freight train.

Along the road there are signs showing where the local cars will stop and also telephones attached to posts where the motormen can talk to the central plant. The limited cars such as was used make through trips between Danville and Champaign and the local cars which are smaller, stop for all passengers at places indicated.

Towns Prosperous.

It was said by some that the interurban would hurt the little towns by bringing the people to the larger cities but such does not seem to be the case. In one little town a new livery stable had been built for the use of farmers who leave their horses and wagons in the town while riding to other places on the interurban. All of the little towns looked prosperous and showed signs of increasing population in the way of new residences and business buildings and it was stated that the towns on the interurban had all been benefitted as well as Danville and Champaign.

Inspected Car.

On arriving at Champaign the party was asked to inspect an express car which is used for carrying packages. It is quite as handsome in exterior finish as the passenger coaches. This is required in Danville and will be required in Decatur so that no unsightly cars for freight purposes will be going through the city. This was shown as a sample of the express cars and was greatly admired.

ELKS ENTERTAINED.

The Visitors at Champaign and Another Dinner Party Given.

After the Decatur men had been shown through the business portion of Champaign they were invited to the Beardsley House where supper was to be served. As the Danville dinner was continued until a late hour the supper was postponed until 7:30 p. m. and in the meantime the entire party was taken in hand by the Elks lodge.

Capt. J. R. Trivett, the exalted ruler, and all of the other Elks, opened their rooms and made the visitors at home for an hour or more. The Elks have a building of their own in which they have a ball room, dining hall and beautifully appointed billiard, card and smoking rooms. The Elks proved themselves to be excellent entertainers.

The dinner at 7:30 o'clock at the Beardsley house was almost as elaborate as the one given at Danville. It was served in courses and was a handsome affair. The tables were decorated with ferns and flowers and at each place was a pink carnation as a dinner souvenir.

At the conclusion of the dinner Col. Buckingham introduced Col. J. S Wolfe as toastmaster and there were a number of speeches. Edwin S. Swigart and Senator Dunlop both spoke and brought out applause and Capt. Trivett and Robert I. Hunt were called upon. Col. J. M. Clokey was asked to respond and he referred in a joking way to the state university, the soldiers' home and some of the other state institutions as belonging to Decatur and said the interurban would bring them all closer to home. After speeches by I. A. Buckingham, F. B. Tait and Moses Thomas of Homer the party adjourned to go to the station. Mr. McKinley in the speeches was spoken of in the highest terms by the Danville men.

Mr. Fischer on departing was congratulated highly by the Decatur men and the Danville and Decatur parties separated, the latter to be brought home on a special car attached to the Illinois Central train. Before arriving in Decatur a vote of thanks was extended to the McKinley managers and superintendents.

ALL WERE FAVORABLE.

Decatur Men Speak Highly of the Interurban—Some Opinions.

The members of the Decatur party had nothing but favorable comment to make of the handsome entertainment given and of the interurban roads in general.

Mayor Shilling said: "I am now more fully convinced than ever that interurban roads are what we need. Mr. McKinley has been very fair in all his dealings with the city and has for nothing that is not just. I think in dealing with the franchise matter that we should first look after the interest of the city, then look after the property owners and with these two things in view give the people who want the franchise all that is possible. I am for the interurban and want to see it come."

J. M. Clokey said: "There is no doubt about the benefits. We want the interurban as soon as we can get it. I regard it as being a fine thing."

Henry Bachrach said he wanted all the interurbans that would come.

J. M. Gray said that he highly favored the interurban for Decatur.

The others in the party who were on the trip and saw the cars in operation and heard what the Danville and Champaign men had to say expressed themselves in the same way.

Right of Way.

The right of way for the road has practically all be secured. This work was done almost entirely by S. W. Johns who has proved himself highly competent in that line of work.

W. A. Bixby now of Quincy, was here when the interurban movement started and much credit is due him for the movement as well as for his work in improving the local properties of the McKinley people.

ABOUT THE ROADS.

Will be Combined and Known as The Illinois Central Traction Co.

The road from Danville to Champaign is known as the Danville, Champaign and Urbana railway but all of the interurbans of the McKinley syndicate ownership will be known collectively as the Illinois Central Traction company.

There is now in operation the road from Danville to Georgetown, twelve miles, which will eventually go to Ridge Farm. The road from Springfield south twenty miles has been completed. The road will be connected from Danville to Decatur and from Decatur to Riverton, to which point the road has been extended from Springfield. This will make a continuous road from Danville through Decatur to Springfield and then to Carlinville and eventually to St. Louis.

The cost of the road from Decatur to Carlinville will be about $2,000,000 it has been said. It will be possible to go from Decatur to Carlinville by August first.

HOSTS OF THE DAY.

L. E. FISCHER.

M. L. HARRY.

Louis E. Fischer, one of the hosts of the day, is the manager of the railway and light plants in Decatur, Danville, and Champaign. He makes his home in Danville.

Mr Fischer is a young man. He was born at O'Fallon, Ill., in 1876. He is well educated along his line of business. He graduated from the school of municipal and sanitary engineering of the University of Illinois in 1898. His first position was assistant engineer at Kewanee and in 1899 he was appointed city engineer at Paris, Ill., and it was under his direction that the sewer system of that city was built.

In 1901 Mr. Fischer began work with the McKinley syndicate. He was superintendent of the power house and then became superintendent of the plant at Danville and in 1902 he was made manager of the Decatur and Champaign plants as well as the one at Danville.

Mr. Fischer is a man well qualified for the position of responsibility which he holds. He makes frequent visits to Decatur to look over the plant.

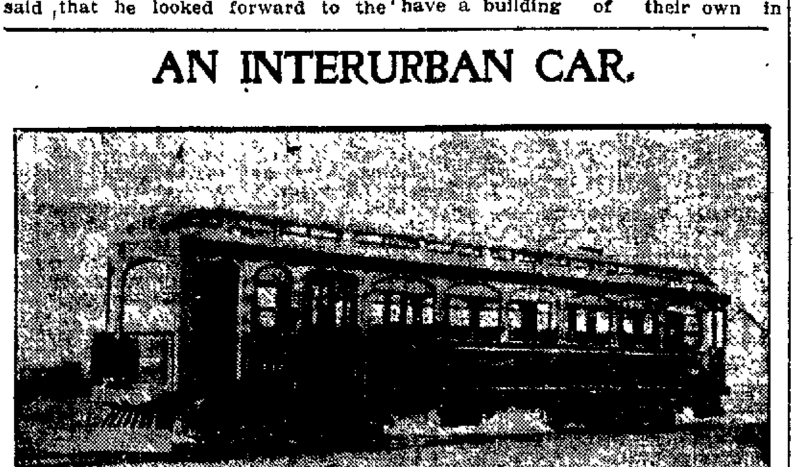
Merrill L. Harry is the superintendent of the McKinley properties in Decatur, and with Mr. Fischer and Mr. Bixby had charge of the excursion party.

Mr. Harry was born at Bay City, Mich., in 1878. He got his education in a high school and business college at that place. In blood he is a Scotchman.

His first employment was with Mr. McKinley at Bay City in 1894. He went from there to Kokomo, Ind., to a railway and light company, with which he remained six years. He left Kokomo for Danville and again entered the employ of the McKinley people. He was with Mr. Fischer as assistant at Danville for eighteen months.

Although Mr. Fischer has been in Decatur but a short time, having come here when Mr. Bixby was transferred, he has shown an ability in a business way and as a superintendent such as won him the respect of the business men and on account of his agreeable manner he has made many personal friends.

AN INTERURBAN CAR.



The picture shows the interurban car such as was used on the trip made by the Decatur party from Danville to Urbana. Exactly the same kind of cars will be seen in Decatur when the road reaches this city.

Eight of these cars have been ordered by the interurban company. Each car is 53 feet long and has 300 horsepower motors. The cars can run at the rate of fifty miles an hour and are equipped with an independent electric lighting plant, air brakes, air sanders, hot water heat and everything that makes a car comfortable and convenient for patrons of the road.

MURPHY AND HILL

Will Contest For Control of New York Democracy.

New York, March 2—The question of who will be democratic state leader will be determined next Tuesday when the state committee meets at Albany to name the date and place for the convention. The contest will be waged between the forces of D. B. Hill and Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall. Murphy indicated that he controlled the committee by declaring the convention would be held in this city on April 13. He further declared that the delegates selected to attend the national convention in St. Louis should go uninstructed.

Mr. Hill has declared his preference for Albany. Because of his astuteness and extreme reticence in the past, Murphy's declaration is taken to mean that he has the control in his hands.

Asked if there was any possibility of the state convention passing resolutions in support of Judge Parker, Mr. Murphy said: "The convention will do nothing of the kind. It will take no action that will commit the delegates from this state."

Mr. Murphy said he regarded Mr. Cleveland as the strongest candidate in the field.

BOY DEFEATS FATHER.

Pittsburg Republicans Make Mistake and Elect Boy to School Board.

Pittsburg, March 2—As the result of the efforts of those comprising the leadership of the republican party in the second ward, Pittsburg, they nominated and elected a boy as a member of the school board. It has been arranged that an appeal is to be quietly taken to court. The boy chosen by the voters as a member of the board was but a few years ago a pupil.

In his first forcible political battle he defeated his father at the polls. John E. Koeppe, the owner of a grocery store at Second avenue and Ross street, was a candidate for school director on the Citizen-Orphan ticket while his opponents were David P. Jones and Jacob Motz. The republican leaders in their hurried efforts to prepare a ticket made a mistake when they wanted to endorse Koeppe, and placed the name of George E. Koeppe on the ballots. The republicans wakened up next morning to find that they had elected a 16-year-old boy to the education board instead of his father. Jones and Motz defeated the elder Koeppe for the three-year term and the son was elected for the six-year term, over R. W. Wagner.

STORMS IN THE WEST.

High Winds in Colorado—A Blizzard in Iowa.

Denver, March 2—High winds in some localities approaching the proportions of a hurricane, prevailed along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and Wyoming today. In Colorado Springs the wind reached a velocity of 66 miles and several buildings were damaged. At Pryor the store in which is located the postoffice and coal company's offices was wrecked. Several persons buried in the ruins were rescued without serious injury. In southern Wyoming and northern Colorado a blizzard is raging.

In Iowa.

Burlington, Ia., March 2—The temperature dropped 25 degrees in two hours here tonight. A furious storm of sleet and snow is prevailing.

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS THEM

Even the Soldiers of Uncle Sam Cannot Stand That Beverage.

THREE DEAD, TWO OTHERS ILL.

New London, Conn., March 2—Corporal Thomas O'brien, Privates Morris O'Connor and John Reynolds, members of the 100th company coast artillery, at Port Terry, Plumb Island, are dead and Privates John Waltham and Will Harrington are confined to the hospital in a precarious condition. The men were poisoned by drinking wood alcohol. Proprietor Piskell of the military barber shop at which place the men secured the alcohol, is under arrest pending an investigation. According to a story told by a non-commissioned officer, the men obtained a quantity of liquor Monday in some manner unknown to the officers at the post and after it had been consumed the men desired to get another supply. They visited Piskell's barber shop to secure the alcohol. Piskell told them wood alcohol was deadly poison. The soldiers seemed to take this as a joke and later managed to secure the poison. They all drank of the liquor and in a short time were taken sick with the result as above stated.

THE LAST DIVIDEND

Of the World's Fair of 1893 Was Paid Yesterday.

Chicago, March 2—The accounts of the World's Columbian exposition of 1893 closed today with the payment of final dividend of 4.65 per cent to the 2000 stockholders. This payment, with the dividend of 10 per cent paid in 1894, makes a total of 14.65 per cent dividends paid. The entire amount disbursed in the final dividend today was $256,000. About $2000 remains in the hands of the treasurer to meet any claims which may be brought against the company. This amount will be about one cent on each share and all claim for this sum of money has been relinquished by stockholders. All told the local organization spent $26,000,000 and the national government and the different states $7,000,000.

FAVORS THE COMPANIES.

Judge Burroughs Renders a Decision Adverse to Hamlin.

Springfield, March 2—Judge Burroughs of the St. Clair county circuit court has rendered a decision in favor of certain insurance companies, in the case brought against the companies by Attorney General Hamlin, charging them with forming a combine to keep up rates. One hundred and twelve companies had employed what they called a "compact manager." Hamlin asked that the companies be restrained from combining to fix rates. The defendant claims the agreement was local and that the persons insured were benefitted by it and also denied they were acting in restraint of trade and alleging the compact manager simply reduced expenses and enabled them to write insurance with lower rates than otherwise. The contention of the companies was sustained by the court.

A RE-ORGANIZATION

Of the Civil Service Boards Has Been Perfected.

Chicago, March 2—Sixteen United States civil service districts comprising Wisconsin and the northern half of Illinois, have been organized through the efforts of United States Civil Service Commissioner Cooley of Washington. With the organization of these districts the local board of civil service examiners has been abolished, all through a board of ten members to be known as the consolidated board practically fills its place. Peter Newton, secretary of the local civil service board has been made secretary and chairman of the consolidated board and will be in charge of the business of the entire district.

Seventy-one branches have been organized in the district, and persons desiring to enter any of the civil service tests for federal positions will have opportunity of taking examinations at the nearest branch office.

ON A WEDDING TOUR ALONE.

Professional Escort Wins Rich Bride and Makes Unique Pleasure Trip.

Chicago, March 2—George C. DuBois of New York, who is at the Auditorium Annex, is on his wedding tour alone. His bride, a wealthy woman of Albany keeps in telegraphic touch with him and honors his drafts on her for money. He is effusive and good natured and he told Clerk Paul Gore of his romance and good luck.

Mrs. Schermerhorn of Albany, when at the Waldorf-Astoria two months ago, needed an escort to the theater. She applied to an agency that does a business of providing escorts. Fortunately for Mr. DuBois, Mrs. Schermerhorn was a widow and was captivated by her good looking and well mannered escort. The next day they were married.

Mrs DuBois then proposed that the bridegroom make a month's tour to the Pacific coast. She did not wish to deprive him of the pleasure, although her own age and infirmities preclude her venturing farther from Albany than New York.

"You will come back to me all the fonder for the pleasant trip I am able to give yau," were her parting words.

J. G. CANNON'S RENOMINATION

Will be Made at Danville on the 15th Without Opposition.

Paris, March 2—Congressman Joseph G. Cannon will have no opposition for re-nomination at the republican congressional convention of the eighteenth district, called Monday to meet in Danville, Ill., March 15 at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Cannon will be chosen by acclamation as his own successor. The convention is but two weeks distant and there is not an opponent in the field. Under the new republican apportionment the district represented by the speaker of the house is composed of Clark, Cumberland, Edgar, Iroquois, Kankakee and Vermillion counties, with total representation of 72 delegates.

Confirmations.

Washington, March 2—The following postmasters were confirmed:

Illinois—Daniel McArthur, Glencoe; Robt. Thomas, Macon.

Michigan—Sebe D. Culver, Reading, Charles Quick, Lowell.

INTERVENTION IS NOW SUGGESTED

Former French Minister Suggests War May be Abandoned With Honor to Both Sides.

RUSSIA WOULD HEED THE PROPOSAL

If the United States Would Join in the Suggestion—There is a Lack of Stirring War News.

Paris, March 2—Gabriel Hanotaux, former minister of foreign affairs, has started an agitation in favor of intervention by the powers to stop the war between Russia and Japan. It is believed the Russians would be glad of such a good excuse to stop a war in which they have thus far been the under dog. Germany, is also believed to be willing to join in an intervention movement, if it was thought the czar would approve.

It is recognized, however, that France and Germany alone would be ineffective, as in that case the movement would be interpreted as anti-British. The interveners therefore hope to secure American support in their actions and eventually support from England as well, through the good offices of Washington.

French official circles count much on the new movement as they think Russia would be perfectly willing to accept the good offices of all the powers, provided it was a combined effort, thus compelling Japan to do the same. It is pointed out that Russia, should the appeal for intervention be a universal one, could accept with good grace as giving way to the consensus of opinion.

ALEXIEFF DENIES RUMORS

Says Japanese Fleet as Not Been Near Port Arthur Within Three Days.

PFLUG REPORTS ON THE ARMY.

St. Petersburg, March 2—In a despatch to the czar, Viceroy Alexieff says: "Admiral Stark, telegraphing from Port Arthur today (March 2), says the enemy did not appear off Port Arthur on either Feb. 28th, 29th or March 1. Reconnaissances made by cruisers and torpedo boats over an area of sixty miles from Port Arthur failed to discover the enemy's vessels."

Major General Pflug, Alexieff's chief of staff, under date of March 2, tells of the Russian patrol having met the Japanese patrol February 29th eight miles from Ping Yang and forcing them to retreat towards the gates of that town. Continuing Pflug says: "The presence of our patrols near Ping Yang caused great alarm and soon the enemy's sharp shooters manned the wall and opened fire expecting an attack. According to their report our patrols approached to within seven hundred paces of the town, which they found to be surrounded by both old and new ramparts. These, however, were not yet occupied by the enemy and it is supposed the Japanese have not more than 1,000 men in Ping Yang."

NO BATTLES ARE REPORTED

The Brigands, Inspired By the Japs, Harrass Russian Troops.

THE PORT ARTHUR REFUGEES.

London, March 2—Hardly a word of news from the seat of war, with the exception of Russian official dispatches is published here and it now seems clear that the story of the bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese on Feb. 29th is nothing more than a re-echo of previous attacks.

Brigands Active.

From Yin Kow, comes an unconfirmed report that five hundred bandits, armed with modern rifles, have attacked the Russian post west of Hai-Cheng. There was severe fighting, and both sides lost heavily. The report is discredited at Yin Kow, but if true it indicates the serious danger confronting Russa in these well armed brigands.

According to the Mail's account of this affair, six Japanese were found among the bandits killed. This would tend to show the Japanese are organizing the bands.

Attack the Railroad.

A mile and a quarter of the Siberian railroad, according to Tokio reports, has been destroyed between Vladivostok and Harbin.

Russian Fortifications.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard cables that the Russians are fortifying strongly points south of Mukden. Thousands of coolies are working day and night on the ramparts and entrenchments of Hai Cheng.

Refugees Suffer.

Hartrending stories are appearing in English newspapers of the suffering of refugees from Port Arthur on the train journey to European Russia.

It is bitterly cold and there is a scarcity of food and water. Several children have been suffocated under rugs and shawls with which they were covered in attempts to keep them warm. Owing to exposure and exhaustion, an epidemic of influenza has broken out among the refugees.

BETTER FEELING PREVAILS

The Correct Version of the Vicksburg's Action Well Received in Russia.

RUSSIAN SAILORS REPATRIATED.

St. Petersburg, March 2—The Russian government earnestly desires the conservation of the ancient friendship between the United States and the empire. The opinion is expressed here that the two countries are now on the eve of a better understanding of the points concerning which differences have existed. The campaign of recrimination which is progressing in a portion of the press of both countries is deprecated and the government here specifically disavows any responsibility for the utterances of some Russian papers against the United States, which in turn have inflamed a portion of the American press against Russia.

A correction of the original version of the Vicksburg incident at Chemulpo has already affected Russian public opinion favorably. The report of Commander Marshal captain of the Vicksburg has been communicated to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff by the United States.

Ambassador McCormick has been informed the formal thanks of the Russian admiralty will be tendered as soon as a detailed report is reached from the captain of the Varlag. The foreign office points out that the views held at Washington, regarding food stuff as contraband of war, agrees with their's if such food stuffs are destined for private individuals. Officially investigation will be made to determine the ultimate destination of such material.

Negotiations have been completed with France, Great Britain and Italy for reparation of Russian sailors taken on board the vessels of these countries after the Chemulpo fight. These men were brought to Odessa under a Russian pledge not to allow them to fight again during the continuance of the war.

Lieut. Newton A. McCully, U. S. N., who has obtained permission to observe the Russian fleet operations, may go to Port Arthur from London, via Suez, owing to the delay which now prevails on the Trans-Siberian railroad.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA

Peasants in Open Rebellion and Czar Has Declared Martial Law.

Berlin, March 2—The Tageleschè Rundschau, (newspaper) reports that Russia is on the verge of a revolution. Local outbreaks have occurred among students and urban workers and peasants. M. de Plehve, minister of the interior, says the paper, regards the peasantry as in a most dangerous condition.

Starving rustics, maddened by the extensive use of vodka, (Russian rye whisky) are plundering estates and burning outlying homesteads, murdering land owners in all direction. Owing to this revolutionary danger, the government has proclaimed a minor state of siege and a mild form of martial law in fifty-three of the seventy-one provinces in European Russia.

THE JAPS ARE GOING HOME

Those In This Country Anxious To Face the Russians.

St. Paul, March 2—Japanese patriotism and the possibility of a long war between Russia and Japan is developing a serious problem for the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Canadian Pacific lines to face in the spring. Hundreds of Japanese laborers employed on track work where unskilled labor can be used, are hurrying home, eager to exchange the pick and shovel for the rifle and a chance at the Russians.

WATCHING THE CHINESE

Who Are Now Itching To Join Japs Against Russia.

Paris, March 2—The Harbin, Manchuria, correspondent of the Matin says it is rumored the Chinese generals Ma and Thiang have asked permission to ally themselves with the Japanese.

"It is now certain," the correspondent continues," that at the beginning of hostilities the Japanese wanted to land troops near Shan Hai Kwan, and the Chinese prevented them. Large numbers of alleged Chinese pilgrims are assembling along the Mongolian frontier of Manchuria and General Naderoff is watching their movements."

VENGEANCE OF CASTRO

Gen. Hernandez Notified His Salary Has Been Stopped.

New York, March 2—President Cypriano Castro, of Venezuela has informed the fiscal agents of his government in this city not to pay the salary of General Jose Hernandez, the minister of Venezuela, at Washington. Senor Augusto F. Pludo, secretary of the legation, finds his salary cut in half. Nicholas Hernandez, son of the general, is employed in Philadelphia. In fact, it is thought the legation in Washington will be closed in a few days. Minister Hernandez is not recalled and there is no likelihood of his going to Caracas to get an explanation of the stoppage of salary.

The peculiar action of Castro, is thought to be taken because Hernandez is too friendly with the Americans. It is said he realized when he was sent as minister to Washington it was for the purpose of getting him out of his native country where his popularity was a source of regret to Castro. In Venezuela it is considered an act of unfriendliness to the government for any one to refuse an appointment by the president, so General Hernandez came to Washington.

Since his salary has been stopped, General Hernandez will close the legation in Washington as he cannot withstand the expense himself.

DEMURRED OUT OF COURT.

W. J. Bryan Loses in the Bennett Will Case.

New Haven, Conn., March 2—Judge Thayer of the superior court, today sustained the demurrer filed by the counsel for Mrs. Philo S. Bennett, to the suit of William J. Bryan for the construction of Bennett's will. In the action brought in behalf of Bryan an effort was made to have a sealed letter left by Bennett and giving $50,000 to Bryan, enforced and made a declaration of trust. Sustaining the demurrer, the court decides the question of the status of a sealed letter cannot be determined in the present action but must be reserved for a decision in other suits.

Newton, Ill., March 2—On the forty-seventh ballot today Dr. D. M. Foster was nominated for congress by the democrats of the twenty-third district.

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REPORTS OF YEAR

Show the Work Accomplished at the Anna B. Millikin Home.

THE YEAR WAS A GOOD ONE.

Number of Old Ladies and Children Cared For.

At the annual meeting of the Anna B. Millikin home board on Tuesday reports for the year were heard as follows:

Secretary's Report.

Mrs. Jennie Kreidler as secretary read the following report.

In many ways this has been a very successful year, the donations have been large and of the best, coming into the home from all directions, from the city and the country, showing Macon county has been loyal and interested in the welfare of the institution of which we all may be proud.

We have encountered a number of changes in the home, which were always for the better, having the experience of four different matrons during the year, Mrs. Stephenson, Weston, Snyder and Mrs. C. H. Campbell, who at present is superintendent.

Many of our leading physicians have offered their services free of charge, when needed, for the sick inmates of the home, alphabetically serving a term of three months as house physician.

Some improvements have been made on the inside of the building especially in furnishing the matron's room

One girl was taken to the Erring Woman's home in Chicago and one returned to us.

One of our rising young lawyers tendered his service free of charge for one year on legal matters, in the interest of the home, and the placing of the children.

The board held twelve regular monthly meetings which were opened with prayer for divine wisdom and guidance in all our deliberations.

As co-laborers with God, the following reports reveal blessings and success:

Three special called meetings were held.

Average attendance of members was 10 per cent.

The secretary has written thirty-three letters, among them being acknowledgements and letters of appreciation for generosity in behalf of the home.

Visitors' day at the home is Thursday of each week from 2 to 5 p. m.

The list of donations have been published each month. Especially were the Christmas tokens generous and useful, for which we extend our thanks to the public.

Religious services have been in the chapel. One Sunday regularly each month the W. C. T. U. had charge of the meeting.

The angel of Death hovered over the home and translated two of the dear old ladies into the "Haven of Rest"—Mrs. Slack and Mrs Powers.

Mrs. Jennie Kreidler, Secretary.

The report of Mrs. Busher, who had charge of the placing of inmates, in her absence was read by one of the other ladies present. It was:

Jan. 1, 1903, there were twelve children, five old ladies, and four employes in the home.

Jan. 1, 1904, report as follows:

At different times 75 children have been cared for during the year in the home; also there were children and babies who never were inmates, placed in private families. These with those from the home, make seventy-four, which have permanent homes.

Ten friendless children are with us; one belongs to a Springfield home.

Thirty children are boarders, most of them half orphans.

The total number of children in the home at present is forty.

One old lady is a permanent inmate. Four old ladies are paying board at $10 a month. Two old ladies died. Four have gone away.

At various times during the year twenty women have been cared for.

Finances.

Mrs. A. T. Hill, as treasurer, read the following account of the finances of the home for the last year:

Receipts.

To balance on hand Feb. 1, 1903	$ 17 56
Board of inmates	1,186.21
Annual subscriptions	795 00
Cash donations	61.80
From Macon county	1,094 37
Rent of old home	75 30
Miss Nale's estate	324.80
Permanent inmate	300.00
Total	$3,856 24

Expenditures.

Salaries	$ 914 53
Supplies	974 23
Coal	246.37
Gas	84.89
Telephone	20 29
Building barn	518.88
Furniture	184 61
Dry goods and clothing	117.47
Shoes	34.38
Interest	100.00
Erring Woman's Refuge	76.40
Repairs on old home	132.75
Repairs on new home	54 30
Lawyer	27.08
Transportation	4.00
Nurse	23 50
Insurance	16.00
Spectacles	5 50
Secretary of state	1.00
Total	$3,516.08
Cash on hand to balance	340.16
Total	$3,856.24

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. L. Davidson.

Mrs. L. Davidson died at 7 o'clock Wednesday night at her home in Mt. Zion. A complication of diseases caused her death.

Mrs. Davidson had lived in Macon county for over forty years. She was born in Ashton county, O., Sept. 19, 1835, and came with her parents to Decatur. She was married in 1869 to Baxter Davidson, who died five years ago. The couple lived on a farm near Mt. Zion for several years and then went to the own to live. Mrs. Davidson is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sarah Chipman of Kansas.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Mt. Zion and the burial will be at the Mt. Zion cemetery.

State Bar Dates Changed.

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar which was set for this city on the 11 and 12 of May has been changed as to date until the 25th and 26th of May, the former date conflicting with the republican state convention. The association will convene at 2 o'clock Wednesday May 25th and the annual banquet will be held on the evening of that day and the session will close on the 26th. James R. Matheny, state secretary, has issued a call to the effect given above.—Bloomington Pantagraph.

RYAN OWNS UP

A Convict in the Kansas Penitentiary Says He Killed Agent Stillions of Galton.

CRIME WAS EVER A MYSTERY.

Convict Mentions No Names but the Details Tally.

If the confession made by a convict in the Kansas penitentiary is true, there is no longer any mystery in the murder of George Stillions, the Illinois Central station agent at Galton at the time of his death. He was murdered in his own home at Galton on the night of Sept. 20, 1902. That night there was a fire in the village, a barn burned. There was much excitement and all of the people in the village turned out to see the blaze. Stillions and his wife went to the fire. On their return home there was an unknown man in the house. He shot and killed Stillions. The murderer made his escape. There was never any trace of him found. There were many theories advanced but there was never anything to support them. One of the most unkind things ever said was that Mrs. Stillions knew who it was that killed her husband and that she was protecting him to shield herself. Those who breathed the cruel intimation gave absolutely nothing to support it

A few days ago a letter was received by the officers of the Illinois Central at Champaign a letter purporting to be written by a convict named Ryan in the Kansas penitentiary. The letter did not give any of the names, either of the town in which the killing occurred, nor of the victim. The details given are so similar to the incidents surrounding the murder of Stillions that the presumption is that the convict is trying to desribe that affair. The letter says

"I happened to be in a small town on the Illinois Central about twenty miles south of Champaign, Ill., on the night of September 20, 1902, and while waiting around there for a freight train to come through so that I could board it, I noticed a barn was afire in the center of the village. Everybody in the town was excited, as fires in small towns are uncommon, you know, and when I saw a man and woman emerge from a house and start towards the fire, I thought there was my chance to make a little stake on the side and get away from here before they returned from the fire. While I was in the house above mentioned the man and woman, I presume his wife, returned and I was caught where escape seemed to be impossible. Having no other alternative I drew a revolver which I had in my pocket and fired at the man. He staggered and started toward the door, and when he entered another room I tried again and left the house. I made my way to a cornfield nearby and waited for the first train to pass. While lying in the field I could hear the excitement caused by the shooting, and I knew that I must soon get out of that part of the country. I boarded a train which came along a short time after and made my way into Chicago. From there I wandered through the west and while in Kansas I committed the crime which sent me where I am today, behind the prison bars."

Administrator Named.

Judge Smith in the county court Thursday appointed James T. Cannon administrator of the estate of his father, the late James W. Cannon. The appointment was made on the petition of the widow. There is a personal estate of about $1,500 and considerable real estate.

A JAIL IS SOLD FOR TAXES

Coles County Failed to Pay Public Improvement Tax Assessed Against Bastile.

THE COUNTY IS SHY ON CASH.

The Coles county jail and the real estate upon which the bastile is situated has been sold for taxes. At a meeting of the county board Wednesday, a committee was authorized to skirmish around and raise $88.11, the amount necessary to get the county's property out of soak.

That the jail had been sold for taxes was not known until A H. Bachman, the well known money lender, notified some members of the board that he was virtually the owner of the county's boarding house. The property was sold for non-payment of the Seventh avenue improvement tax.

The county board audited a large batch of claims against the county but did not issue any warrants upon which the creditors could "raise the wind."—Charleston Plaindealer.

SUICIDE AT JACKSONVILLE.

Young Woman Ends Her Own Life By Taking Poison.

At Jacksonville mystery surrounds the death of Miss Addie E. Paine, who was found in her room in an unconscious condition late Tuesday night and died an hour later. Dr. Josephine Milligan, who was called to attend her, said she did not know the cause of death, but was undoubtedly due to acute poisoning.

A thorough search was made about the room, but no evidence of any poison could be found and the only thing that would indicate that she had taken her own life was a note lying on her desk which read, "You will find my clothes in the lower bureau drawer."

Miss Paine comes of a prominent family, being a sister of Mrs. H. M. Pratt, with whom she had been living for several years. Her act cannot be accounted for and is a great surprise to the many friends by whom she was highly regarded.

Tuesday evening she was working about the house as usual and assisted her sister, Mrs. Pratt, prepare supper, but when supper time came she said she did not care for any supper and not feeling well would go to her room.

Later about 9 o'clock she came into the upstairs hall, as was her usual custom, to bid the members of the family "good night," and although they did not think of it at the time, she said "good-bye" instead of "good night," this fact was recalled by the family afterwards.

CASNER.

Edmund Robey has gone to Louisiana to seek employment

P. J. May of Nashville, Ill., visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Graymann over Sunday.

A. A. Hill is able to be up and around over town.

A. B. Chapman has returned from Louisiana.

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MYSTERY OF THE TELEPLEX

Big Four Telegraph Operator Hears Voices When No One Is In Sight.

HIS KEY IS A TRANSMITTER.

Concerning the teleplex, the device by which telephone messages may be sent over a wire simultaneously with telegraph messages recently installed on the Big Four, the Charleston News has the following:

Agent Ray Newman and Night Operator V. C. Simmons of the Big Four at Paris are the first victims of consternation as a result of the workings of the magical teleplex, which was described in Wednesday's morning Star. At first they thought "spooks" were after them and they had an uncanny feeling until the mystery was explained. They were at their desks early Tuesday morning when they heard human voices. They looked around but could see no one. They listened and heard a connected conversation.

"Mr. Kelly will be on No. 46 to relieve Conductor Duckworth," said the mysterious voice in tones most distinct.

"All right, good-bye," came the answer.

Operator Simmons was fairly startled. The first thing he did was to turn on the light over his head. Then he looked to see if the receiver of the desk telephone was off its hook. It was in its place. Next followed a search under the table for the man doing the talking. He was not there.

Things were getting serious with the man of the night trick when the police happened in. Then that mysterious, hair-raising sound came again. This time Mr Simmons was on the alert and traced it to the telegraph instrument in front of him. Another test was made, the police taking evidence this time. The voice coming from the sounder said in substance that No. 68 was about to leave the Mattoon yards.

The Big Four has in operation between Mattoon and Terre Haute a telephone line numbered 10. This wire is also used for the telegraph instruments at intermediate stations.

What first startled the Paris operator was the voice of the Mattoon dispatcher talking into the telephone horn to the operator at Terre Haute.

The sounders of the telegraph instrument are magnets of small pieces of steel wrapped many times with fine wire. These sounders received the voice the same as does the receiver of a telephone.

Eggs are in Demand.

There is an increasing local demand for fresh eggs which are retailing at 20 cents per dozen. One dealer who two weeks ago could not sell a case per day says that he now sells from fifteen to twenty cases a day.

While the spring like conditions which existed for a week prior to Thursday started the hens laying, the roads were in such condition that few of the eggs were coming to market. The almost impassable roads more than any other one thing, is responsible for the firmness in the egg market.

MISSED A FORTUNE.

Mattoon Man Sold His Farm That Was Rich in Oil Deposits.

George Buck, a Mattoon merchant owned a farm near Princeton, Ind., having taken it in a trade. He got fairly good returns from the land but he was contemplating a trip to Europe and when he was offered $35 an acre he sold for two reasons. He thought that he was getting a profit on the deal and then his trip abroad would not be marred by any thoughts of how the property was being cared for

Now, less than a year after he sold the farm he learns that the present owner has refused an offer of $800 per acre for the 550 acres. The offer was made by men who wanted the place because there are oil deposits beneath it.

Off a Few Cents.

Yesterday the local millers marked off the prices on both corn and oats, the latter taking a tumble of three cents from 39 and 40 to 36 and 37. Corn was marked down from 39 and 40 to 38 and 39 cents per bushel.

FUNERALS.

Albert E. Scanlan.

The funeral of the late Albert E. Scanlan was held Thursday from the residence of his step-mother, Mrs. Anna L. Scanlan, 234 South Water street. The services were conducted by Rev. F. W Burnham. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and the pall bearers were the following members of the cigar makers' union: George Elkin, Tony Walser, G. Keusink, Frank Baugher, William Ehtler and T. S. Ronan.

Stewart.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart will be held at 3.30 p. m. from the residence, 418 East Center street.

Mrs. Albert Mitchett.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Albert Mitchett was held at 4 p. m. Thursday from the residence, 461 East Bradford street. Rev. F. B. Jones officiated and there was a large attendance and many flowers. The music was by a choir composed of Herman Bennett, Martha Graves, Anna Buskirk and J. W. Lord with Miss Jones at the organ.

The burial was at Greenwood.

Frank Moriarity.

The funeral of Frank Morarity was held at 2 p. m. Thursday from St. Patrick's Catholic church. There was a large attendance. The burial was at Calvary cemetery and the pallbearers were four boys, John Kern, Frank Mulready, Edward Condon and Will Ernest.

WILLEYS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McMillan visited relatives in Illiopolis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rinker of Decatur visited relatives here Sunday.

Henry Hanauer transacted business in Taylorville Saturday.

J. Hall departed Sunday evening for Hot Springs, Ark.

John Shipman is moving to a farm near Assumption.

Philip Dexheimer of Stonington was a visitor in our town Wednesday.

Court Bowman and wife of Taylorville visited Irvine Bunstine and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mills, Mrs. Joe Scott and Miss Eva Scott were shopping in Taylorville Wednesday.

Alvah Houk is moving to a farm near Moweaqua.

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Marriage Licenses.

William W. Albert, Warrensburg	Legal
Mittie Harman, Decatur	Legal
Karl F. Funk, Maroa	22
Mary Blades, Omego	20
Jona Borden, Stonefort	20
Florence M. Boyd, Decatur	15

Truth can not be expressed where sincerity is suppressed.

THE FEES FIXED

In the Bolay Partition Case Which Will Be Concluded Today.

ESTATE WORTH ABOUT $40,000.

Including Several Business Houses On Lincoln Square.

The settlement of the Rothfuss estate is about concluded. In the circuit court Thursday Judge Johns allowed the fees for the complainants' solicitors and the guardian ad litem and the report of the commissioners will be made today.

The settlement was brought about by a partition suit, the title of which was William Ruthfuss et al vs. Anna M. Bolay et al. The estate it was generally supposed belonged to the late Andrew Rothfuss who died not long ago, but it really was in the name of his wife who died about twenty years ago, but it had never been divided.

Big Fees.

The court fixed the fees of the complainants' solicitors, T. F. Drew and C. E. Schroll, at $1,800. The fee of the guardian ad litem, C. M Borchers, was fixed at $300. These fees are to be taxed as costs against the estate.

The estate consists of property on the south side of Lincoln square and also some property on West Wood street. It is valued at about $40,000.

The Division.

The commissioners will make their report in court today and it will be approved as the heirs have agreed to the division of the property made by the commissioners.

The store occupied by Quinn & Sceforth and the barber shop next door east and also the old homestead at the corner of West Wood and College streets will go to William Rothfuss.

The building occupied by Andrews' restaurant and two lots west of the homestead property will go to the children of the late Lillie Phillips, a deceased daughter.

The building occupied by the Bolay saloon and a big tract of ground in the fourth ward near the Jackson street school will go to Anna M. Bolay.

Boy Released.

Ortha Drake, a boy charged with burglary and who has been in the county jail, has been released. His case was supposed to come up before the last grand jury but there was no indictment returned so by order of the court Drake was released Thursday.

Chancery.

William Rothfuss et al vs. Anna M. Bolay et al, partition, proof heard and fee of guardian ad litem fixed at $300 and fee of complainants' solicitors fixed at $1,800 and costs of abstract $113.25, all to be taxed as costs.

Elizabeth A. Montgomery vs. Samuel McBride, et al, bill for relief, defendant to close by April 15.

Law Docket.

Susan English vs. William W. English et al, attachment; motion by plaintiff for leave to sheriff to amend return on garnishee summons and leave to H. M. Willis to amend interpleader.

ANOTHER BIG DAY IN DEEDS.

Large Number of Instruments Filed For Record.

Thursday was another big day for the recording of deeds. The circuit clerk had a large number of instruments to handle during the day. The real estate transfers were as follows.

Michael Shea to Edward F. Drobisch, the east half of lot 2 in block 2 of Southwestern addition to Decatur, $3,250

Julia S Brown to George G. Muir, lot 11 in H. H. Browns' second subdivision of a part of lot 16 in the southwest quarter of section 15, township 16, range 2 east, $1,000.

George G. Muir to Julia S. Brown, lot 4 in block 5 of University Place, $500.

Michael Witt to Louis C. Willskey, lots 3 and 4 in block B. in J. T. Stapp's subdivision of block 21 in Carver's addition to Decatur; $1,500.

Louis C. Willskey to Charles Ulrich, lots 3 and 4 in block B. of J. T. Stapp's subdivision of block 21 of Carver's addition to Decatur; $1.

Edward Hight to Celia Moser, all of block 18 in Railroad addition to Macon, $210.

Susanna E. Neill to Edward Hight, all of block 18 in Railroad addition to Macon; $210.

Fannie B. Clipston to Martha B. Peverly, the undivided one-fifth of the east half of the northwest quarter of section 8, township 17, range 2 east; $2,500.

Edward F. Drobisch to Albert Barnes all of the north half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 16, township 15, range 4 east, $1,950.

James Millikin to Charles D. Webb, lot 3 in block 1 of Millikin Place, $1.

William W. Day to John N. Holl, a part of lot 2 of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 14, range 2 east; $7,349.

United States of America to Joseph Duncan et al, lot 3 of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 15, range 2 east.

R R. Montgomery to Arthur A. Rucker, lot 17 in block 4 of Beman Place; $500.

Alfred Christison to Richard A. Christison, undivided 80 acres in 208 acres in Hickory Point township; $8,400.

Moses Stafford to John E. Patterson, quit claim to lot 5 in block 5 of Powers' first addition to Decatur; $1.

Oscar B. Mueller to Benjamin Harry, the south half of lot 1 in block 3 of North addition to Decatur; $1.

Albert Barnes to Edward F. Drobisch, lot 13 of J. R. Gorin's addition to Decatur; $4,000.

Victor W. Benton to J. H. Burgess, 30 feet off the north side of lots 9 and 10 in block 6 of the village of Oreana; $500.

Alice March to Newton Burkam, the north half of the northwest quarter of section 13, township 18, range 3 east; $1 650.

DIED AT CHARLESTON.

Mrs. O'Brien, a Former Decatur Woman, Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Olive O'Brien, wife of Daniel O'Brien, a well known Clover Leaf conductor, died Tuesday night at her home on Sixth street after an illness of several months.

The deceased was born in Vandalia in 1862, and was united in marriage with Daniel O'Brien in 1881. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. L. Steuer, Omaha, Neb., Miss Mabel and Gregory O'Brien.

The remains will be taken to Vandalia Friday morning for interment.—Charleston Correspondent of Mattoon Star.

The deceased was for a number of years a resident of Decatur, her husband then being a conductor in the Wabash railroad. They had many friends here. For a number of years Mr. O'Brien has been trainmaster and conductor on the Clover Leaf and has made his home in Charleston.

THE MARKETS

FINLEY BARRELL LETTER.

By Tyler, Harney & Co. 114 East William St., Both 'Phones 352.

Chicago, March 3.—WHEAT—There has been a severe liquidation in wheat and a break of 2¼c to 2½c. Early there was a good deal of bull news from the southwest. There was a drop of 40 to 50 points in the Kansas temperatures, and high winds and sand storms were reported from there. The local interests bought wheat on this. But there was selling through commission houses on a scale to fill up any demand; and this selling was supposed to come from Armour. Requa, Bartlett-Frazier, Wrenn, Slaughter led in it. This started a decline that lasted all day. The further the decline went the more holders were involved. The stop loss selling finally became the influence. Cables were indifferent to the Wednesday advance here. Argentine estimated its shipments at 3,300,000 bu. There was no change in the Argentine strike situation and the weather was reported unfavorable The Price Current was non-committal on the crop saying the outcome depended on the character of the weather. It was mainly a professional market. The southwest reported small acceptances, although bids were up. Clearances 268,000 bu; northwest cars 228 vs. 297. Seaboard reported 22 loads.

CORN—There was a culmination in corn today of the weakness which has been mysterious and apparent for several days. Futures lost over 2c. The occasion of the decline is as hard to decide as it has been for several days. There has been no great selling pressure on the market. There has simply been no support; no effort on the bull side by anybody. It looks as if the speculative situation had finally succumbed to the weakness of the cash. "No grade" is as low as 30c, and the No. 4 as low as 36c; and the killing discounts have prevailed. Receipts 177 cars, estimate 180 Cash was steady to 1½c lower. Cables ⅛d up. Clearances 514,000 bu.

OATS—Oats are feeling the unloading of the big Patten line. There is no new bull in the market. There appeared to be some further Patten selling as if cleaning up the remnant The futures declined about 2c for May and 1½c for the July. Stop-loss selling by commission houses finally became the feature in oats as in all other markets. There were 30 cars and 77,000 bu standard oats out of private houses. Receipts were 280 cars with 190 for Friday. The cash market was steady at 1c lower. Arrivals here were 332,000 bu. Shipments 229,000 bu. Selling was led by Cudahy houses and by Patten.

Range of Options.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Ys.Cl.
WHEAT—May—	$1.@1.00½	1.00⅝	96⅝	97	99½
July—Old—	95⅜@94⅞	95⅞	92¾	93½	95
July—New—	94@¼	94⅛	91½	92⅞	94¼
Sept.—Old—	88⅞@89	89⅞	86⅛	87	88⅞
Sept.—New—	87⅞@88⅛	88⅞	85½	86	87⅞
CORN—May—	55¼@55	55⅛	52½	52⅞	55⅛
July—	54⅛@54	54⅛	55⅛	51½	54
Sept.—	52⅞@⅞	53	50½	50½	52⅞
OATS—May—	42⅛@⅞	42⅛	40¾	40⅜	42⅛
July—	39⅞@⅝	39⅞	38	38⅛	39⅞
Sept —	34⅞	34⅞	33⅛	33⅛	34⅞
POR—May—	$14.82	14 82	14.07	14.17	14.72
LARD—May—	$ 7.52	7 55	7.20	7.25	7.50
RIBS—May—	$ 7.50	7.55	7 20	7.25	7.45

CORN GRADING.

Chicago, March 3.—Of the 177 cars of corn received here this morning 2 graded No. 2; 13 No. 3 yellow; 14 No. 3 white; 11 No. 3; 63 No. 4; 74 no grade.

Chicago Market.

Chicago, March 3—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1 05 to $1.06; No. 3 red $1 to $1.04; No. 2 hard 90 to 94; No. 3 hard 80 to 92. May opened $1 to $1.00½; highest $1.00⅝, lowest 96⅝, closing 97.

Corn—No 3 and No. 3 white 42 to 42½, No. 3 yellow 44 to 44½, No. 4, 37 to 41½; March 49⅝. May opened 55 to 55¼; highest 55½, lowest 52½, closing 55⅝

Oats—No. 2, 40 to 40½, No. 2 white 43 to 44; No. 3 white 40 to 42½; standard 42½ to 43; No 3 39½ to 40, No. 4 white 38½ to 40½. May opened 42⅝ to 42½, highest 42½, lowest 40¼, closing 40½ to 40⅝.

Other Quotations.

Rye—May 75½.

Timothy—March $3.05.

Clover—$11.65.

Barley—Cash—39 to 60.

Flax—$1.09 to $1.14½.

Receipts and Shipments.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	33,000	65,000
Wheat	37,000	74,000
Corn	176,000	197,000
Oats	332,000	229,000

Grain at St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 3—Wheat—Cash 99½, May 94.

Corn—Cash 43; May 45⅝.

Oats—Cash 41½, May 39⅝.

Wheat at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, March 3—Wheat—May 97⅝, July 97⅝, Sept. 86½. On track, No. 1 hard $1.00⅝; No. 1 northern 98½; No 2 northern 95⅝.

Grain at Liverpool.

Liverpool, March 3—Wheat—Spot steady.

Corn—Spot American mixed, new, easy 4s 2½ d; American mixed old quiet, 4s, 6½d.

New York Markets.

New York, March 3—Wheat—Receipts 62,000; exports 24,000. Spot weak; No. 2 red $1.04, elevator and $1.04 to $1.08 f. o. b. afloat. Options closed weak at 1⅝ to 1⅞ net loss. May $1.00⅝

Corn—Receipts 29,000; exports 55,000. Spot weak; No. 2 nominal, elevator and 55⅝ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow 57; No. 2 white 55⅝. Options closed 1⅞ to 2 net lower, May 58⅞.

Oats—Receipts 48,000; exports 9000. Spot steady; No. 2, 55½; standard white, No. 2 white 57.

Poultry and Produce.

Chicago, March 3—Butter—Easier. Crameries 14 to 25½; dairies 14 to 23.

Eggs—Steady; 17 to 17½.

Poultry—Steady; turkeys 12; chickens 12; springs 12.

New York, March 3—Butter steady. Extra fresh creamery, 26; common to choice 15 to 25½.

Eggs firm; firsts 20½.

Poultry—Alive steady; chickens, 12; fowls, 13½; turkeys, 15. Dressed, weak; chickens 12½ to 15; fowls 12 to 12½; turkeys 17 to 17½.

Live Stock at Chicago.

Chicago, March 3—Cattle—Receipts 8500; market strong; good to prime, $5 to $5.75. Poor to medium, $3.50 to $4.90; stockers $2.50 to $4.25, Cows $1.50 to $4; Texans $4 to $4.75.

Hogs—Receipts 20,000; market slow, 10 higher; mixed butchers $5.15 to $5.50, good to choice heavy $5.45 to $5.55, rough heavy $5.20 to $5.15; light $4 60 to $5.25; bulk of sales $5.20 to $5.45.

Sheep—Receipts 18,000; market steady, $2.75 to $4.75; lambs $4.50 to $5.70.

St. Louis Live Stock.

St Louis, March 3—Cattle—Receipts 4000. Steady to strong; beef steers $3.65 to $5.20; stockers and feeders $2.35 to $4; cows and heifers $2.25 to $4, Texas steers $3.15 to $4.40.

Hogs—Receipts 5000. Five cents higher, range $4.60 to $5.55.

DECATUR MARKETS.

Poultry, Live Weight.

Hens	10c
Springs	10c
Stags	7c
Roosters	5c
Ducks	9c
Geese	7c
Eggs	15c

GRAIN.

Corn	39	to	40
Wheat	90		
Oats	37	to	30
Rye	50		

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs per 100 lbs.	$4.75	to	$5.00
Calves	4 00	to	4.50
Shipping cattle	4.00	to	4.50
Cows	3 00	to	3.25
Heifers	3.00	to	3.50
Butcher steers	3.50	to	4.00
Sheep	3.00	to	3.50
Lambs	4.00	to	4.50

Paid by Grocers.

Butter, tub	.30
Butter, creamery	.30
Butter, country	.25
Lard	.12½
Eggs, country	.20

FEED.

Wholesale Prices.

Timothy hay, per ton	$12.00	to	$14.00
Oats straw per ton	5.00	to	6.00

Retail Prices.

Timothy, per cwt.	.65		
Straw, per bale	.30	to	..
Oats per bu.	.45		
Corn	.50		

FRUITS—WHOLESALE.

Oranges, California navels, size 126-216, per box	$3.00
Oranges, California navels, size 96-112, per box	2.90
Bananas, per box	3c
Lemons, California, 300 size	3.50
Messinas, 300 size	4.25
Cabbage, per pound	4c
Apples, New York, per bbl.	$3 50 to $4.25
Illinois apples, per bbl.	$2.50 to $3.00
Onions, per bushel	$1.00
Spanish onions, crate	$1.10
Sweet potatoes, bbl.	$3.00
Irish potatoes, bushel	$1 to $1.10
Celery, Michigan, doz.	45c
Celery, California, doz.	75c to 90c
Malaga grapes, bbls	$4.50 to $5.50
Cranberries, bbl.	$8.00 to $10.00

NEARBY TOWNS

WELDON.

Mrs. R. T. Thomas is quite ill at her home in the east part of town with rheumatism. Dr. L. T. Pease from Cisco is attending her.

Miss Nellie Taylor returned home from Clinton Friday.

W. H. Shearer, Warner Gaines, Dr. McMackin, and Ollie Martin departed for Natchez, Miss., Tuesday morning.

Clint Warren left Monday for Ohio, where he will make his future home. His family will join him in a few days, he having gone with his car of goods.

Orlando Garrett loaded his car Monday for Christian county.

Mrs. Mary Cowen and son, Lewis, will move on the Gable farm in the near future.

Mrs. Oscar Moorhead and sister, Mrs. Bowman, visited over Sunday in Clinton.

Grandma Parker's daughter from Clinton visited her Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Fairbanks has recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. Dr. Chapin visited her mother, Mrs. Wisegarver, in Farmer City last week.

Mrs. J. B. Haffey is assisting Miss Etta Martin and learning photography.

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CLINTON.

Nine candidates were initiated into the Tribe of Ben Hur Tuesday evening. After the business of the meeting was over light refreshments were served.

The lecture by Bishop Fowler Tuesday night at the M. E. church, given under the auspices of the Epworth League, was one of the most instructive of any given in this city for years. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity and the great audience listened with the most intense interest.

Mrs. A. E. Schuler is entertaining her sister, Mrs. F. J. McLennan of Springfield.

Mrs. Caroline Kinsey of Mackinaw is a guest of Mrs. Belle Spencer.

At the Christian church parsonage Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Elsie Dusenberry and Orel Spencer. Elder E. A. Gilliland officiated. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dusenberry.

Frank Corkins is visiting his sister at Sullivan, Ill.

Invitations have been received by friends in this city to the marriage of Miss Nanna Myrtle Scott of Selma, Cal., to Dr. R. B. Spalding of this city, the event to take place on Sunday, March 6, at the home of the bride's parents. They will reside on North Quincy street in this city.

C. W. McDonald has gone to Midland, Tex., for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Riggs. He will be gone nearly a month.

March 3.

VONN.

Mrs. Susie Perry and Mrs. May Bugg spent the day last Thursday with Mrs. Sabine and assisted in tying comforts.

Miss Lyla Clawson of Denver, Col., is visiting at J. M. Moore's.

Mrs. Maggie Moore spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Golligher of Stewardson, last week.

Mrs. D. D. Bond has returned after spending most of the winter with Mrs. Rebecca Armstrong of 1756 North Main street, Decatur.

Mrs. J. R. Vaughn and son visited her daughter, Mrs. S. M. Holben of Mt. Zion, last week.

Trace Sabine has returned to her home after closing a very successful term of school at the "Maple Lawn" school near Stonington.

George Lowrance has moved to his new farm near Willey Station, and his brother John has also moved to his place that he bought of Sam Waddell.

Isaiah Pouder has moved to Assumption and A. R. Pouder out to the old homestead.

Nellie Hargrave and Grace Moore, accompanied Lulu Bethards to Decatur last Saturday.

Sumner Burdick and family were in Stonington last Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Harrison is visiting friends in Taylorville.

Mrs. Louis Canham is quite low with typhoid-pneumonia.

W. A. Clawson made a business trip to Taylorville last Friday.

Will Hardin has gone to St. Louis to buy a team.

Mrs. Hardin has gone to Harristown to visit her daughter

March 1.

PROFITABLE ONE ACRE FARM

Described by Former Illinois Man Now Living in California.

IS IT BETTER THAN MANY ACRES

The following letter from a former McLean county man now living in California will be as interesting to the readers of the Herald as it was to those of the Bloomington Pantagraph, where it was first published. The writer, Stanley Dubois, says:

The lesson has been learned here in California that big farms and rented farms do not pay. Big farms are not prosperous. They are, largely cultivated by tenants and are strangely deficient of many of the features which make the truly farm home one of the most delightful spots in existence.

There has recently come to my knowledge a little farm which is so unique even in this part of the world that I think the readers of the Pantagraph will be interested to know about it.

It is situated near Orland, in Glen county, Cal., and consists of just one acre.

It is the property of a gentleman by the name of Samuel Cleeks, who has resided on it for the past thirty years. Mr. Cleeks is authority for the statement that he has easily made a comfortable living off this one acre and has cleared over and above all expenses besides an average of $400 per year. He has money to loan, fruit, vegetables and poultry products to sell at all times and all garnered from his one acre of ground.

Going into particulars this is what is on that precious little plat of earth Barn and barn yard 75 by 75 feet, rabbit hutch, 25 by 25 feet, house and porches 30 by 30 feet, two windmill towers 16 by 16 feet each, garden 46 by 94 feet, blackberries 16 by 90 feet, strawberries 16 by 90 feet, citrus nursery 90 by 98 feet, in which there are 2,300 trees budded; one row of dewberries 100 feet long, four apricot trees, two oak trees, three peach trees, six fig trees, ten locust trees, thirty assorted roses twenty assorted geraniums, twelve lemon trees bearing, one lime tree nine years old, from which last season were sold 160 dozen limes, eight bearing orange trees, four bread fruit trees, five pomegranate trees, one patch of bamboo, three calla lilies, four prune trees, three blue gum eucalyptus trees, six cypress trees, four grape vines, one English ivy, two honeysuckle, one seed bed, one violet bed, one sage bed, two tomato vines, thirteen stands of bees.

If there is an acre anywhere in McLean county that can match that, half, I would be glad to hear of it. Any way, it goes to show that small farms and intensive farming pays twice over better than big farms and the labor spread all over the country.

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 25, 1904.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Tabor Celebrate Fifty Years of Married Life

AT THE TEMPLE LAST NIGHT.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Tabor was celebrated last night by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Temple in the Sunday school room. The Sunday school room was prettily decorated for the occasion, gold being the predominating effect. Golden streamers were draped about the room and they made a pretty effect. A special table was arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Tabor and on it was placed a large bride's cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabor were married on March 3, 1854, in Greenville, Ill. They lived there for some time and then moved to this city where they have resided for a large number of years. They have four children living, Mrs. Frank Hubbard, Steve, John and Ed Tabor all of this city.

Rev. F. B. Jones, the pastor of the Temple, made a short address at the beginning of he jubilee meeting last night and he told of the life of the old couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Tabor received a number of presents, the majority of them being gold money.

During the evening the ladies served an excellent wedding supper in the Sunday school room of the Temple and they had a large number at this.

Mr. Tabor is 73 years old and Mrs. Tabor is almost 70 years of age and she has never worn glasses. She said last night that she can easily read the Herald at night without the aid of glasses.

FARMERS COLUMN

SINGLE BUGGY HARNESS used but once at a bargain. R. Nahrgang, 327 E. Main.—26-d6

BETTER THAN GOING WEST—Snap for 20 days in Illinois black land, 1301 acres in Kankakee county, near Hopkins, all first class black land, well fenced and ditched, large buildings, county, Ind., 52 miles from Chicago. $65 per acre. Also a tract in Newton on the Monon railway. Plenty improvements, thoroughly tiled and fine land, only $55 per acre. W. A. Hinkle, Decatur, Ill.—3-wtf

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket at S. T. Myers' restaurant. Melas 15c, 7 meals $1, 21 meals $3. Three cent lunch counter. 143 North Main st.—Jan 10-swtf.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, county of Macon, ss. In the county court, to the March term, A. D. 1904. In the matter of the estate of Catherine Hagerty, deceased.

To John Hagerty and Kate Anderson: Take notice that Catherine Hagerty, late of the city of Decatur, in said county and state, departed this life on or about the 21st day of January, A. D. 1904, testate; that by her last will and testament she named Flora Hagerty the executrix thereof. That said Flora Hagerty, as such executrix, heretofore filed her petition in said court asking that said will be admitted to probate. That in and by said petition the following named persons are designated as the heirs and legatees of the estate of Catherine Hagerty, deceased. Mary McNulty, nee Hagerty; Kate Anderson, nee Hagerty; Anna Fahrenkopf, nee Hagerty. Flora Hagerty, Edward Hagerty. Joseph Hagerty, and John Hagerty. That by said petition it is stated that the postoffice address of John Hagerty and Kate Anderson is unknown

Now, therefore, you the said John Hagerty and Kate Anderson, will take notice that on Saturday, the 19th day of March, A. D, 1904, at the county court room in the court house at the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, the last will and testament of Katherine Hagerty, deceased, will be offered for probate; at which time and place, you or either of you, may appear if you see fit so to do.

J. M. DODD, County Clerk.

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